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O'Neal - Neal Family

O'NEAL

John (Shane) O'Neal (merchant) b. 1728 Ireland; to 1768 SC ship "Dungannon"; r/o Georgetown to Darlington, SC.
 m. Margaret ---
 1

1. Jane b. 1753 2. Alice b. 1756 3. Margaret b. 1763 4. Arthur b. 1765

Arthur b. 1765, R.S. & Indian trader; to Huntsville, AL; to Perry Co., MS by 1817.
 m. Hannah, sis/o Col. Lemuel Benton
 1

1. James b. 1800 TN 2. William b. 1804 SC

James Benton O'Neal b. 1800 TN
 m. Thaney Dicky
 1

1. G.B. DeKalb b. 1824 2. James A. b. 1825 3. Thana M. b. 1830
 m. Rebecca King m. Louise Alexander m. Claiborne Bond
 4. Almedia b. 1832 5. Methaldrage b. 1836 6. Nancy b. 1838
 m. James Cooper m. Eliz. Walker m. Amaziah Cochran
 7. Major b. 1843 8. Elijah J. b. 1845 (r/o Harrison Co.,
 m. Eliz. Nixon m. Mary M. Fairley MS)

William O'Neal b. 1803 SC
 m. Susannah Jane Dicky
 1

1. Eliz. J. b. 1820 2. George b. 1822 3. William b. 1826
 m. John Bond m. Mary --- m. Josephine Grah
 m. Eliz. Forehand
 4. Col. Lemuel b. 1830 5. Nancy b. 1832
 (died Civil War) m. Nathaniel Bond 6. Andrew J. b. 183
 (died Civil War)
 7. Susannah b. 1839 8. Elijah W. b. 1842
 m. Wesley Spikes m. Mary A. Rouse (r/o Jackson Co., T

Robert Dickey b. 1737 Ire., to 1768 SC; ship "Chichester".
 m. Susannah ---
 1

1. William b. 1761 2. James b. 1762 3. Eliz. b. 1764
 4. Jane b. 1765 (Ref: Ship passenger list. Also, Jane
 Dickey b. 1710 & Hector Dickey b. 1745.)

Robert & Susannah were the grandparents of sisters Thaney
 & Susannah Dickey who married James & William O'Neal.

Ref: Private edition of the O'Neal family history
 by: Vivian Davis Bornemann of Wiggins, MS 1980
 Located in the Gen. Section of the Pascagoula City Library

Ref: Personal family record written
 by: Judge John Belton O'Neill, son of
 Hugh & Ann (Kelly) O'Neal.

Ref. to: Irish Pedigrees Vol. I & II
 by: John O'Hart (Gen. Publishing Co.)
 for Irish family background

Hugh O'Neal, Eng. Seaman, jumped-ship 1730 Delaware River.
 m. Annie Cox
 1

1. William 2. James (r/o VA) 3. Hugh (d. SC)
 m. Mary Frost
 4. Henry (to FL) 5. John (Tory-d. RW) 6. Thomas
 m. Grace Frost (sis/o Mary)
 7. George (to KY) (after Hugh's death, the family moved to
 b. posthumous Winchester, VA; then to 1766 Laurens, SC

William, s/o Hugh & Annie (Cox) O'Neal
 m. Mary Frost
 1

1. Abijah (to OH) 2. Sarah (to KY) 3. William (d. SC)
 m. Elisha Ford
 4. Henry (to IN)
 5. Thomas (to IN)
 6. John (to IN)
 7. Hugh b. 1767 Newberry Co., SC
 m. Ann, d/o Samuel
 & Hannah (Benton) (Hugh-desc. from
 Kelly-from Queen's, O'Neal's of Antrim
 Co., Ire. to SC. Ireland.)

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ONEAL, BASCOME

T5 R8 JCo School Enum
Par/Guar: **B. ONeal**

8 WM Jun 1892

ONEAL, BERDINE

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Born

Father: **A. D. "Cab" ONeal**

Mother: **Lillian Fairley**

Married: **Ted Givins**

O'NEAL, BERTHA

Chronicle Star Obituary

11 May 1956

Mrs. Bertha O'Neal Wilson Williams
of Vancleave, died age 64, at Wiggins
Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was a native of Bonnie Chapel
Community and was a lifetime resident of
Jackson Co. She married (1) **Braxton Wilson**
former sheriff who died in office about 19
years ago. Married (2) **Henley Williams**.
Member Vancleave Methodist Church and
Eastern Star.

Survivors include husband,
four daughters, two sons:

Mrs. Howard Ruble, Georgetown, SC

Mrs. Jake Keen, Wiggins

Mrs. Dudley Keen, Redwood

Miss Kathryn Wilson, Dallas

Ulmer Wilson, Lucedale

Eugene Wilson, Kreole

One sister, five brothers:

Mrs. Oren Santacruz, Biloxi

Jim O'Neal, Vancleave

Will O'Neal, Vancleave

Bass O'Neal, Larue

Dimp O'Neal, Pascagoula

Hulbert O'Neal, Gulfport

and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral at Vancleave Methodist Church,

Rev. Brooks Allen, assisted by **Rev. Lloyd**

Hardin, of Biloxi.

Interment in Vancleave Cemetery

Pall bearers were **Howard Lane Ruble**,
a grandson, and nephews, **Robert Keith**,

Wade O'Neal, **J. T. O'Neal**, **Leon O'Neal**,

and **Roger Garan**.

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O'NEAL, E. J.	<i>S19 T3 R9 Whittington School Enum</i> White, Parent/Guardian of: Eddie O'Neal	1892-93 8 WM
ONEAL, ELIJAH J.	<i>We're Racing For Time by Thurmon Flurry</i> <i>Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery</i> Born 1845, died 1927 Father: Mother: Married: Mary J. "Maggie" Fairley Born 1853, died 1927 Father: Matthew M. Fairley , 1817 NC- Mother: Mary Byrd , b. 1834- Children: 1. Eddie O'Neal (Adopted)	
ONEAL, ELIJAH	<i>T5 R8 JCo School Enum</i> Par/Guar: L. Oneal	6 WM Jun 1892
ONEAL, EULA MAE	<i>We're Racing For Time by Thurmon Flurry</i> Born Father: A. D. "Cab" O'Neal Mother: Lillian Fairley Married: Parnell Anderson	
ONEAL, FERDANDO "FERD"	<i>We're Racing For Time by Thurmon Flurry</i> Page 19C Born Father: Alfred O'Neal , b. 1825 Mother: Louisa Alexander Married: Melissa Carter Father: Mother:	
ONEAL, GENERAL DECAB	<i>We're Racing For Time by Thurmon Flurry</i> Page 18C Born 1824 Father: James O'Neal , 1801-1773 Mother: Thaney Dickey , 1805-1860 Married: Rebecca Alexander Born Father: John Alexander , 1796-1854 Mother: Rebecca King , 1801-1881 Children: 1. Abbie O'Neal m. Melissa Brealand , b. 1863	1860-1941

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ONEAL, GEORGE WALTER *We're Racing For Time by Thurmon Flurry*

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Born

Father:

Mother:

Married: **Nellie Martha Alexander**

Born 27 Ju

n 1883,

died 05 May 1958

Father: **David Griffin Alexander**, 1857-1909

Mother: **Martha Brealand**, 1860-1929

ONEAL, HAZEL

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Born

Father: **A. D. "Cab" ONeal**

Mother: **Lillian Fairley**

Married: **J. W. Hunt**

ONEAL, HUBBARD

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Married: **Zenna Pipkins**

Father: **Mage E. Pipkins**

Mother: **Jane Byrd**, b. 1880

ONEAL, JACK

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Father: **Raymore ONeal**

Mother: **Ieace Reeves**

ONEAL, JAMES "JIM"

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Father:

Mother:

Married: **Millicon Fairley**

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ONEAL, JOHN

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Born

Father: **Alfred O'Neal**, b. 1825

Mother: **Louisa Alexander**

Married: **Mary Brealand**

Father:

Mother:

Children: 1. **Willie O'Neal** m. **Alice Anderson**
 2. **Sardin O'Neal** m. **Pearl**
 3. **Dr. C. Earnest O'Neal** m. **Brownie**
 4. **Waldo O'Neal** m. **Edna**
 5. **Monroe O'Neal** m. **Atsie Hatten**
 6. **Everette O'Neal** m. **Thelma Hall**
 7. **Lillian O'Neal** m. **Nepoleon Miles**
 8. **Julia O'Neal** m. **Nollie Davis**
 9. **Urthren O'Neal** Died young
 10. **Jessie O'Neal**

Broadwater

Monger

Hatten

ONEAL, L.

T5 R8 JCo School Enumeration

Jun 1892

White, Parent/Guardian of:

Wm. O'Neal

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WM

Elijah O'Neal

6 WM

ONEAL, LEON

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Father:

Mother:

Married: **Audrey Tootle**

Father: **D. W. Tootle**

Mother: **Pearl Berry**

No Children.

ONEAL, MANDY

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Married: **Roland Byrd**

Father: **George Allen Byrd**

Mother: **(1) Ruby Moodie**

ONEIL, MARY

Jackson Co MS Census, Beat 4

Jun 1880

Mary Oneil, seamstress

16 WF cousin

in household of **George W. & Sarah J. Tootle**.

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ONEAL, MARY

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Father:

Mother:

Married: **Stephens A. Berry**

Born 20 Apr 1863

Father: **David Edgar Berry**, 1816 NC-1898 MS

Mother: **Sarah Jane "Salley" Fairley** 1925-1909

Children: 1. **Broxton Berry** m. **Bertha Taylor**
2. **Iduma Berry** m. **Oren Flurry**

ONEAL, MAY BELL

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Father: **Raymore ONeal**

Mother: **Ieace Reeves**

ONEAL, PEARL

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Born

Father: **A. D. "Cab" ONeal**

Mother: **Lillian Fairley**

Married: **Curtiss Dearing**

ONEAL, RAYMORE

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Father:

Mother:

Married: **Ieace Reeves**

Father: **App Reeves**

Mother: **Lue Havens**

Children: 1. **Jack ONeal**
2. **Dora Lee ONeal**
3. **May Bell ONeal**

ONEAL, ROBERTA

T5 R8 JCo School Enum

7 WF Jun 1892

Par/Guar: **B. ONeal**

ONEAL, VANDIFER "VAN" *We're Racing For Time by Thurmon Flurry*

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Born

Father: **Alfred ONeal**, b. 1825

Mother: **Louisa Alexander**

Married: (1) **Cola Herrington**

Father:

Mother:

Children: 1. **Vallie ONeal** m. **Moody**
2. **Alma ONeal** m. **Dr. Preston Murray**
3. **Ford ONeal**
4. **Wallace ONeal**

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ONEAL, ALFRED

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Born 1825

Father:

Mother:

Married: **Louisa Alexander**

Father: **John Alexander**, b. 1796 LA-1854 MS

Mother: **Rebecca King**, b. 1801 NC-1881 MS

Children: 1. **John ONeal** m. **Mary Brealand**
2. **Elijah ONeal** m. **Flora Isabelle Fairley**
3. **Vandifer "Van" ONeal** m. **Cola Herrington**
m. (2) **Anna May Roberts Taylor**
4. **Ferdando "Ferd" ONeal** m. **Melissa Carter**

ONEAL, ARL RANKIN

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Father:

Mother:

Married: **Caroline Berry**

Father: **Louis Clifton Berry**

Mother: **Gracie Flurry**

Children: 1. **Barbara ONeal**
2. **Rieta ONeal**
3. **Shelia ONeal**
4. **Judy ONeal**
5. **Arl Rankin ONeal, Jr.**

ONEAL, ALICE

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Born

Father: **A. D. "Cab" ONeal**

Mother: **Lillian Fairley**

Married: **Lewie Slade**

ONEAL, ANITA

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Born

Father: **A. D. "Cab" ONeal**

Mother: **Lillian Fairley**

Married: **Earl Peltó**

ONEAL, B.

T5 R8 JCo School Enumeration

Jun 1892

White, Parent/Guardian of:

Canada ONeal 11 WF

Roberta ONeal 7 WF

Bascome ONeal 8 WM

Carley ONeal 5 WM

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ONEAL, A. D. "Cab"

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Born

Father:

Mother:

Married: **Lillian Fairley**

Father: **William Watson Fairley**

Mother: **Margaret Goff**

Children: 1. **Hazel ONeal** m. **J. W. Hunt**
2. **Berdine ONeal** m. **Ted Givins**
3. **Anita ONeal** m. **Earl Pelto**
4. **Pearl ONeal** m. **Curtiss Dearing**
5. **Eula Mae ONeal** m. **Parnell Anderson**
6. **Alice ONeal** m. **Lewie Slade**

ONEAL, ABBIE

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Born 1860, died 1941

Father: **General Decab ONeal**, 1824

Mother: **Rebecca Alexander**

Married: **Melissa Brealand**, born 1863, died 1947

Father:

Mother:

Children: 1. **Loren ONeal** m. **Lue Miles**
2. **Ida ONeal** m. **Loami Bond**
3. **Cammie ONeal** m. **Eugene Bond**
4. **Buersia ONeal** m. **Homer Bond**
5. **Rudolph ONeal** m. **Mattie Moore**
6. **Edwin ONeal** m. **Dorothy Dooley**
7. **Jesse L. ONeal** m. **Mattie M. Wilson**
8. **Curtiss Pete ONeal** m. **Margaret Carter**
9. **Inez Lee ONeal** m. **Ottis Hatten**
10. **Erma Lee ONeal** m. **Eugene Morgan**

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4. **Peter "Pete" O'Neal** m. **Mary Brealand**
5. **Valarie O'Neal**
6. **Corinne O'Neal** m. **Millard Hatten**
7. **Roscoe O'Neal** m. **Leasie Bradus**
8. **Volney O'Neal** m. **Zonnie Bond**
m. (2) **Bertha Brealand**
9. **Susann O'Neal** m. **Ellis Brealand**
10. **Hulen O'Neal** m. **Inez Moore**
11. **William "Budd" O'Neal** Never Married

FOLLOW YOUR ANCESTORS

The map on the opposite page will show numbers "1" through "14". By piecing together numerous stories and searching records, this will show pretty well the route and experiences Arthur O'Neal took to arrive in Mississippi territory from the time he landed in Charleston, SC, with his family when he was only three years old.

- 1) Arthur O'Neal, born 1765, arrived in Charleston, SC, from Belfast, Ireland, on February 13, 1768, on the brig, "Dungannon".
- 2) Soon the O'Neal family are in Georgetown, SC, setting up warehouses to import and export. Arthur, at an early age, is working in warehouses and a merchantile business "learning the trade." His father adopts an orphaned Indian boy of the Cherokee Nation that is the same age as Arthur.
- 3) A family plantation is built along the PeeDee River between Georgetown and Darlington, SC - actually closer to Darlington.
- 4) When Arthur is about thirteen, with "The Indian", they are scouting for the German General D'Kalb. At a small county church in northern South Carolina, they meet Andrew Jackson, his brother, and his mother.
- 5) By the time Arthur is eighteen, he is running a trading post within the bounds of the Cherokee Nation, and is courting Hannah Benton of Darlington. She is a sister of Col. Lemuel Benton, a highly respected Revolutionary War officer.
- 6) As time goes by, a second "Trading Post" is established.
- 7) Then there's a third, and Arthur also trades with the "Creeks".
- 8) A fourth trading post is established at (or near) Huntsville, AL. These expansions are taking place over a period of twelve to fifteen years, and Arthur has become an expert at dealing with Chieftains of several tribes and languages. He has "trading partners" whom he has taught well to keep the trading posts and help "The Indian" and "Hark" deliver goods crafted by the Indians to his father's warehouses; then bring items imported by his father back to his trading post on return trips.

Huntsville is a more peaceful place, and Arthur's business has grown into a small empire run by capable people. He and Hannah had talked of marriage from the time they were eighteen. Neither had ever married, and suddenly they are both thirty-five years of age. Arthur was so dedicated to his business, and he didn't feel comfortable bringing Hannah onto the frontier with him. But now, he's ready, and he makes a trip (one of many) down to Darlington. This time, it is to persuade Hannah to come live with him at Huntsville. She agrees to marry and return with him.

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- 9) When James is about to be born in 1801, Hannah is very much afraid without doctors around so it is arranged for her to be escorted by Andrew Jackson and a few of his men to the Hermitage, where she will be cared for through the birth of her first child. Arthur and Andrew had become good friends by now, and Hannah was comfortable with Rachel and the doctors available from Nashville, Tennessee.
- 10) By the time William was to be born in 1803, Hannah had literally "burned out" with frontier life, and had returned to the Benton mansion, back in Darlington, for his birth. Arthur was so wrapped up with his business, he did not see his second son for three or four months after his birth. By the time she returned to the frontier, Arthur had provided her with a nice home near Talladega, AL, where he had gone into business with Alexander McIntosh. They kept a commissary in support of General Jackson's troops. They were more comfortable there, had a good social life, and tutors for the boys.
- 11) When the Creek uprising began, the O'Neal's first took refuge at Fort Jackson, but soon Hannah and the boys were being escorted by some of Jackson's troops to safer ground in the basin of the Singing River at the Dickey Plantation.
- 12) "Little River" is where Red Eagle (William Weatherford) grew up on his father's plantation. His mother was a Creek Indian, and soon young Bill Weatherford had become "Red Eagle", and headed up the Creek warriors. The Creek's lost a final battle at the "Horse Shoe Bend", and afterwards Red Eagle turned himself in to General Jackson.
- 13) Bayou LaBatre, just south of Mobile, is where Arthur had a serious conflict with a trading partner.
- 14) On the north side of the Dickey Plantation, Arthur had a small plantation built and named it "Tara". He and Hannah lived a comfortable and peaceful life there on the banks of Black Creek, with their two sons. Arthur and Hannah died and each of their two sons married Dickey girls; each couple had five sons and three daughters; each named a daughter Nanc and their youngest son, Elijah. By now descendants of Arthur and Hannah (Benton) O'Neal are everywhere. They truly have made a difference.

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JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL

and wife

MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL

and their son

ARTHUR O'NEAL

and his wife

HANNAH (BENTON) O'NEAL

FROM IRELAND TO SOUTH CAROLINA - 1768

JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL was born 1728 in IRELAND. His wife MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL was born 1733 in IRELAND. On date of 15 Feb 1768, they arrived in SOUTH CAROLINA in America, on the Ship "DUNGANNON", which embarked at BELFAST, in COUNTY ANTRIM, IRELAND. They were accompanied by three daughters, JANE, born 1753, ALICE, born 1756, and MARGARET (PEGGY) JUNIOR, born 1763, and young ARTHUR O'NEAL, aged three, (born 1765). Their Immigration Record shows that they were "of the Protestant Faith, and in good-standing".

On the same date of their arrival, there arrived JOHN and JANE O'NEAL, who were listed separate from the foregoing, ages not stated, and their Land Grants were on land "set-aside for The Irish". Perhaps he was a JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL JUNIOR. The land set-aside for the Irish Immigrants was in the Townships of QUEENSBORO, and BELFAST. On an Old S.C. Map, there appears the name "BELFAST", in the vicinity of NEWBERRY CO., S.C.

On date of 5 Jan 1768, there arrived as Immigrants from IRELAND to S.C., the DICKY Family. Two daughters of a later generation, married two sons of ARTHUR O'NEAL, (born 1765 in Ireland). THANA DICKY married JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801, and SUSANNAH DICKY married WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803. Susannah Dickey was the name of their Immigrant Grandmother. Arriving with The Dickey Family was LADY JANE DICKY, born in IRELAND, 1710. It is rather sweet that these two sons of ARTHUR O'NEAL, chose

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to perpetuate the name of LADY JANE, and LADY SUSANNAH among their Descendents. Susannah and Thana Dickey's Family came-over from South Carolina, to the area of Perry-Greene Counties, Miss. Their home was not far distant from "TARA", the home of ARTHUR and HANNAH O'NEAL.

JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL came to South Carolina, a middle-aged, energetic, educated man, with good business-experience, and substantially well-off financially. The DICKEY Family were people on an equal-footing.

In 1768, SHANE and PEGGY O'NEAL spent a short while in Charleston, S.C. on arrival in America, but they first set-up living-quarters in S.C. at GEORGETOWN, where they had friends who had preceded them from Ireland to S.C. GEORGETOWN was very early settled by an aristocracy equal to any in the civilized world. JOHN O'NEAL had soon set-up Trade-Connections between Ireland, and a chain of leading American Traders, such as THE MCINTOSH'S of Georgetown, and THE STROTHER'S of CHARLESTON, in S.C. There were Ware-houses in both towns for the storage of their imported-exported wares for American Trade. Comfortable wings, or dormitories had been built-on, for the accommodation of Traders, their families, friends and immigrants - a sort-of hotel. As ships came in from Ireland, JOHN was having fine pieces of furniture and personal items brought-in, a few at a time, looking towards making Peggy and their children comfortable. Among such items was Peggy's old "Gold Irish Harp", which eventually found a resting-place at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss., about 1818.

It soon developed that JOHN went from GEORGETOWN up The Great Pee-Dee River, where he established a Mercantile-business at present DARLINGTON. Here again there was a dormitory-wing built-on, where JOHN could entertain PEGGY and their children when they chose to be there.

When this family arrived in South Carolina, they became eligible "for free Bounty-Land set-aside for the Irish in Belfast Township". Some of The Irish first congregated around CAMDEN, but family-by-family they moved to the NEWBERRY CO. area where they probably felt more at home in "Belfast Township". Here JOHN eventually built an elegant home (for-the-times), and moved their better personal belongings here, where, it is said, "three generations of their family lived under the sacred old roof". Here their plantation was not far distant from the residence of friends who lived on Broad River, at a place designated on a modern Map as "STROTHER".

From this place a branch of the O'NEAL Trade-Route, leading into northwest South Carolina, into The Cherokee Nation, was recorded in History as part of "O'NEAL'S PATH". John O'Neal had placed a Cherokee Indian to work in his store at Darlington, to teach his young son ARTHUR the Cherokee language. By the time Arthur's "beard-was-sprouting", he and his Indian companion were Heading long trains of supplies sent by Arthur's father for distribution among the Cherokees. Arthur's pet-name was "Barney". The Cherokees liked an "L" in their names, and ARTHUR became "CHIEF BLARNEY" to them. This amused Arthur. He never tried to correct it. The part of his father's trade which Arthur liked best, was when The McIntosh's and Arthur's father imported a boat-load of African Slaves. This meant "big-doings" at Georgetown and Charleston, until homes were found for these Black Adventurers. Arthur's father purchased one of these men for him, which he called "HARK". He was the son of an African Chief, lived to be 100 years old, and died at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss.

When JOHN O'NEAL came to South Carolina in 1768, it seemed almost certain that the American Colonies would sooner or later rebel against England. He had been here about seven years, when street-fighting actually broke-out in the Northern Colonies. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. Three of JOHN'S IRISH FRIENDS were Signers - HART, PAINE and McKANE.

France had agreed to assist America in her campaign against the British, and GENERAL LAFAYETTE was coming to America to lend his knowledge and experience. He was accompanied by another Military expert, GENERAL BARON JOHANN DEKALB of Germany. In 1777 their Vessel entered American waters. They had intended to land at Charleston, but being cautious lest Charleston had fallen into English hands, they first anchored at an island near Georgetown. Arthur was then at his father's warehouse in Georgetown, and the adventurous youth was soon aboard their vessel. They recognized him as an intelligent lad, mature far beyond his years.

LAFAYETTE invited ARTHUR to accompany them on their trip to Charleston. It was on this trip that ARTHUR and GENERAL DEKALB struck-up a friendship which lasted until Dekalb received mortal wounds in the Battle of Camden in 1780. LAFAYETTE had then returned to France to solicit badly needed financial aid for America. CAPTAIN FRANCIS HATTEN, a native of Norfolk

County, Virginia, then living in South Carolina, also went along to solicit aid to buy clothing and uniforms, for the American soldiers. Capt. HATTEN after the War, settled in Georgia. Mention is made of this, due to the fact that in Mississippi, there have been frequent marriages between the O'NEAL-HATTEN Families.

ARTHUR O'NEAL was not of the right age, to enlist as a soldier in the Revolution, but he was a valuable scout for GENERAL DEKALB, as well as for COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON. He knew every cow-path, Indian-trail, creek, swamp and settlement in South Carolina. He was used as a scout among the Cherokees, to see if they were allies of England, or of the American Colonies. The day GENERAL DEKALB died, he had received intelligence from ARTHUR in regard to trouble which the TORIES were creating among some Cherokees.

COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON of DARLINGTON once placed ARTHUR to guard some prisoners-of-war at The Bull-Pen near KOLB'S Ferry. The Kolb's were kin to the Benton's. A squad of deserters. (captured Tories) were put in the Pen. Their Tory-leader escaped and Arthur rode after him and soon brought-him-in. He looked to ARTHUR like one of the relatives of the Newberry Co. O'NEAL'S, who lived in Union Co., S.C., whom Arthur knew had turned-Tory. Colonel Benton ordered Arthur "to make an example of him - hang him immediately on-the-spot". The shocked youth fumbled around, swallowed hard, and with the help of a kindly old man, proceeded with his grisly task. THIS MADE ARTHUR SICK. Capt. John McIntosh and General Dekalb appeared on the scene, and assured him the victim was not the person he thought he was. Dekalb consoled the pale, trembling 15-yr.-old youth with all the consideration of a father, until the shock-of-his-deed had passed. In regard to this incident, Arthur's son JAMES said of his father - "That day our father became a Man!". After DEKALB'S death, they gave his silver German sabre to Arthur. He had it at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss. When Arthur's oldest son JAMES had a son born in 1824, James named this son the full name of GENERAL BARON JOHANN DEKALB. James O'Neal had a brother WILLIAM, born 1803, who named a son COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON.

JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, the Immigrant to S.C., was not engaged in active Military duty in the American Revolution, but his proven Descendents should be eligible to belong to THE DAUGHTER'S AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. This would be on his record for furnishing Commissary-Supplies for The Detachment of Colonel Lemuel

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Benton, Commander Of The American Forces on The Pee-Dee River in South Carolina. Colonel Lemuel Benton served under General Marion. (REFERENCE: GREGG'S "HISTORY OF THE OLD CHERAWS", page 411.) This particular record is dated 1782. No doubt JOHN O'NEAL furnished Supplies to many other sources thruout the War Years, for goods and supplies came into his Commissary over trade-routes from all over the American Colonies. His record of furnishing supplies to the American Army during the Revolution is all that is needed for eligibility to membership in the Daughters and Sons Of The American Revolution. THIS COULD BE DEVELOPED IN YOUR NEXT REPORT OF "HY-NIALI". This 1979 Report of "Hy-Niall" could be filed at DAR Headquarters (permanently). A person wishing to join, in filling-out his papers, could attach a Zerox-copy of The Bible Record of JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801, or WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803, (which see, herein), then a copy of their extended Charts, which follows their Bible Records (see, herein), would accompany the papers which they fill-out, listing their personal family line, and all of this could be accomplished with little effort. With the high prices existing today, an applicant would pay a tidy sum to hire a professional to complete their papers. A good name for such a Chapter of the DAR-SAR, would be "THE HY-NIALI CHAPTER", and there are enough of the O'NEAL Descendents in this Area, to swing-it.

In 1783, when ARTHUR O'NEAL was about age 18, he went into the Cherokee Nation, and there established a Mercantile-store in his own name, first at Ross's Landing in Tenn. and later at a Place North of (present) Huntsville, Alabama. As time passed, he visited S.C. less often. Eventually his only trips there was to attend to his trading activities. He adopted fringed buck-skin clothing, and looked tantalizingly handsome in such attire.

This caused his family much concern. His mother prayed that there would be no Indian romance. If there was such an alliance, it remains Arthur's well-kept secret. His family was constantly poking-around in his private life, but the report always came-back "..... Arthur is working very hard, making-money; his leisure hours find him occupied with hunting and fishing, cock-fights and horse-racing".

About 1800, on one of his rare visits to South Carolina, he proposed marriage to his child-hood sweetheart, Miss HANNAH BENTON of Darlington, sister of Col. Lemuel Benton. He persuaded her to go live with him at his

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home in the Indian Nation, north of present Huntsville, Alabama. She agreed, but busied herself with organizing a Settlement consisting of some friends and relatives, to go there also. Arthur was "noising-it-around" too, about all this free land, no boss, no Government, etc. Before cold weather set-in, this little intimate group had made their Settlement. Arthur was "their Monarch", and Hannah was "his Queen", Hannah did not well-adjust to the lack of her S.C. comforts. She was soon "with child". As her Blessed-Event progressed it was decided that she would go to a place in Tennessee called "STROTHER'S MEETING PLACE" where Hannah and Arthur had old and close friends. She was accompanied on this trip by their trusted old friend ANDREW JACKSON, later the President of the United States. On this journey they passed the place in Tenn., where Jackson intended to build "THE HERMITAGE". It was not far to the East, near present GALLATIN, where JAMES O'NEAL was born in 1801.

When James was two months old, Hannah made it known that she wished to return to South Carolina. And Hannah did return to South Carolina. Arthur sold his business at Huntsville to one of the McIntosh's, and he followed Hannah to South Carolina. But he was soon trading again and absent from home much of the time. In 1803, their son WILLIAM was born in Laurens Co., S.C. and Arthur did not see him until he was three months old. Arthur had branched-out into "new-fields-to-conquer", and his trade-routes soon included S.C., Ga., (present) Miss. Ala. and Fla. He learned to speak the Creek and Choctaw language, and some say he could even converse with the Seminoles. HE TURNED-ON ALL HIS CHARM, AND PERSUADED HANNAH TO GO LIVE WITH HIM IN THE CREEK NATION! Here they had an exciting life, and Arthur was at-home much of the time. They settled near present Talladega, Ala., where their old friend ALEXANDER MCINTOSH had also settled, and they had a nice social life here.

When the fury of the War of 1812 cut-loose, Arthur O'Neal and Alexander McIntosh were operating a Supply-Storage-Depot for the use of General Andrew Jackson's American Army, located about 20 miles from Talladega. In 1813, JACKSON ordered that a FORT be built here, which they named "FORT STROTHER". Arthur sent his family to live with The Dickey Family in Green Co., Miss. AND JUST IN TIME! Arthur witnessed here near FORT STROTHER, the slaughter of thousands of Creek Indians, many of them his friends, with whom he had enjoyed a lucrative trade. A mis-guided element among these Indians began slaughtering whole families of newly-arrived American Settlers, and when they

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fiendishly murdered JESSE LOTT, AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY, General Jackson was ordered to make safe, and secure the way for American Immigration. THIS HE DID - QUITE THOROUGHLY!

In 1817, ARTHUR and HANNAH O'NEAL, and their two sons, were living at TARA, in Southern Perry Co., Miss., a place Arthur had prepared where his Family COULD BE TOGETHER FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES! Arthur promised Hannah that he would never go on another TRADING EXPEDITION. He kept his word. Two sons of this marriage, married DICKEY sisters. JAMES BENTON O'NEAL married THANA DICKEY, and WILLIAM O'NEAL married SUSANNA DICKEY. By 1979, there are hundreds of Descendents of the name of O'NEAL, living in South Mississippi. After Arthur and Hannah had died, there was still a room full of IRISH LINENS and IRISH LACES, made in BELFAST, WHICH ARE ENJOYED 150 YEARS LATER, by some of their Descendents.

This writer is no blood-kin to the O'NEAL'S, but is one who is familiar with their behavior, and triumphs, and their treatment of their fellow-man since their Ancestors migrated over 150 years ago to this area, and is a Witness to the fact that they so-lived as to be able to marry into families of the finest and first RESPECTABILITY! Arthur O'Neal probably has more Descendents in Stone Co., Miss., who bear a family-name which is not O'NEAL, than he has Descendents "born-an-O'NEAL." These words from the lips of ARTHUR O'NEAL still live today "THE O'NEAL'S NEVER QUIT TRYING!" This Family bears a dignity which comes from Centuries of Good Breeding. There is a virtual TRIBE of kinsmen in this southern area. They are proud people, in a quiet way.

Arthur and Hannah's home at "TARA" no longer exists. They were buried there in that hallowed ground over a Century and a half ago. They have planted themselves into the hearts of their Descendents so deeply that there they will have their Habitation as long as man shall dwell upon the Earth! The day ARTHUR was buried, as they mounded-up the Earth over his grave, Hannah gently pushed the shovel aside, knelt on the ground, and with her own hands, patted his grave until it was a smooth mound. THEN SHE WENT HOME. ATE SUPPER. WENT TO BED. WENT TO SLEEP AND QUIETLY JOINED ARTHUR IN HEAVEN! Next morning the cocks were crowing, but Hannah did not appear on schedule. JAMES and WILLIAM went to see about her. As they opened the door to her bedroom, THE SMILE ON THEIR MOTHER'S FACE was something neither of them ever forgot!.

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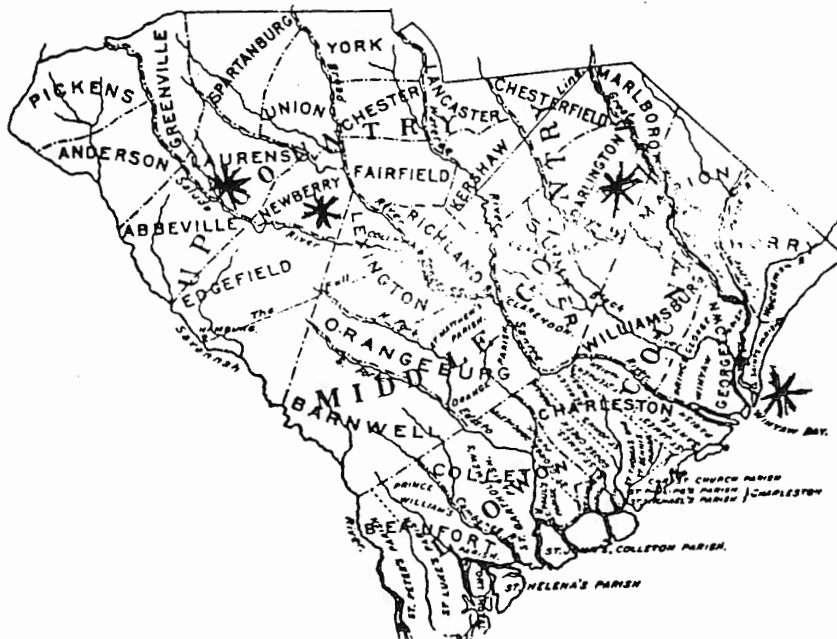
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REFERENCES - For the foregoing seven pages:

When NETTIE BOND SIMPSON knew that she had terminal cancer, and knowing of this writer's interest in Genealogy, she boxed-up and sent to me all of her Historical findings, over the years. There were numerous records of Interviews with CRABB BRELAND, Columnist for the Old Stone Co. Enterprise in Wiggins, at the Beginning of this Century. Nettie sought information and took notes from dozens and dozens of Old-Timers. The most valuable notes apparently came from the mouth of ELIZABETH O'NEAL, 2nd wife of JOHN BOND (b. 1819), to her daughter BASHABA, who was interviewed by both Crabb and Nettie, shortly before BASHABA died, (interviews dated 1910). All of these notes were typed, then arranged in sequence, and compared with, and tested with all the information in all the Books which I have Referenced at the end of PART ONE of this Booklet. From this Source, the preceding 7 pages came into being. I know how Judge John Belton O'Neill of S.C., felt when he stated in his writing "and now it falls my painful duty to trace my own family from Va. to S.C., thru several generations, AND I HOPE I GET IT RIGHT!" CYRIL CAIN in his Pascagoula Books, referred to one of Uncle Remus' Stories when he stated

"I am ginnin it to you,
Like it was gun to me!"

SOUTH CAROLINA 1800



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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
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To any Judge, Minister, Justice or other Officer Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the
Rites of Matrimony :

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the **rites of**
MATRIMONY between *E. V. O Neal*
and *Miss Cola R. Herrington*, and you are hereby
required to transmit to the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, or
his successor in office, a **CERTIFICATE OF THE MARRIAGE** of said parties within six
months after the celebration of the same, under the penalty in such cases provided.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office this *20th* day of *June* A. D., 189*1*

W. M. Perry
Clerk Circuit Court.

By virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, I have this day
joined in the

HOLY STATE OF MATRIMONY

E. V. O Neal

AND

Miss Cola R. Herrington

Given under my Hand and Seal this *2nd* day of *July* A. D., 189*1*

J. R. Whittington M. G.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

✧ STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JACKSON COUNTY. ✧

To any Judge, Minister, Justice or other Officer Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

You are hereby Authorized to celebrate the **rites of MATRIMONY** between
Raiford O'Neal AND Miss Ravina Seymour
And you are hereby required to transmit to the undersign, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, or his successor in office, a **CERTIFICATE OF THE MARRIAGE** of said parties within six months after the celebration of the same, under the penalty in such cases provided.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 5th day of January A. D. 1891

M. L. White
Clerk Circuit Court.

By Virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, I have this day joined in the

✧ **HOLY STATE OF MATRIMONY** ✧

Mr Raiford O'Neal AND Miss Ravina Seymour
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL, this Eighth day of January A. D. 1891

M. L. White

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DEC 20 1930
Marriage Record—Miss. St. Bd. of Health

Ephrem O'Neal Groom
Nancy Jones Bride
Color ☒ WHITE

Date Married: *Sept. 12 - 1909*
Officiating: *P. Carley*
His Title (if known): *Minister*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing record of Marriage is correctly copied, and that the same is on file in my office in
Book *21* Page *278* thereof.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Circuit Clerk Co. of *Harrison*

DEC 20 1930
Marriage Record—Miss. St. Bd. of Health

John E. O'Neal Groom
Martha M. Ramsey Bride
Color ☒ WHITE

Date Married: *March 10 - 1907*
Officiating: *Rev. P. H. House*
His Title (if known): *Rev.*

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1908
20 1930
Marriage Record Miss. St. Bd. of Health

Eugene O'Neal Groom
Malissie Bond Bride
Date Married March 8 - 1908
Officiating Jno. M. Hale
His Title (if known) J. P.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Circuit Clerk of Amory
Harrison

1908
19 1930
Marriage Record Miss. St. Bd. of Health

B. J. O'Neal Groom
Miss R. A. Dugan Bride
Date Married Aug 23, 1909
Officiating J. M. Dugan
His Title (if known) T. J. Dugan

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AUG 26 1936
Form VS 201
Miss. St. Bd. of Health
Marriage Record

J. E. O'Neal Groom (White)
Lissie Carter Bride (White)

Date Married **January 15, 1935**
Officiating **W. H. Brock**
His title (if known)

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Book **3** Page **8** thereof

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Circuit Clerk Co. of **Jackson**

MAR 15 1932
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

J. E. O'Neal Intended Groom
L. B. Richard Intended Bride

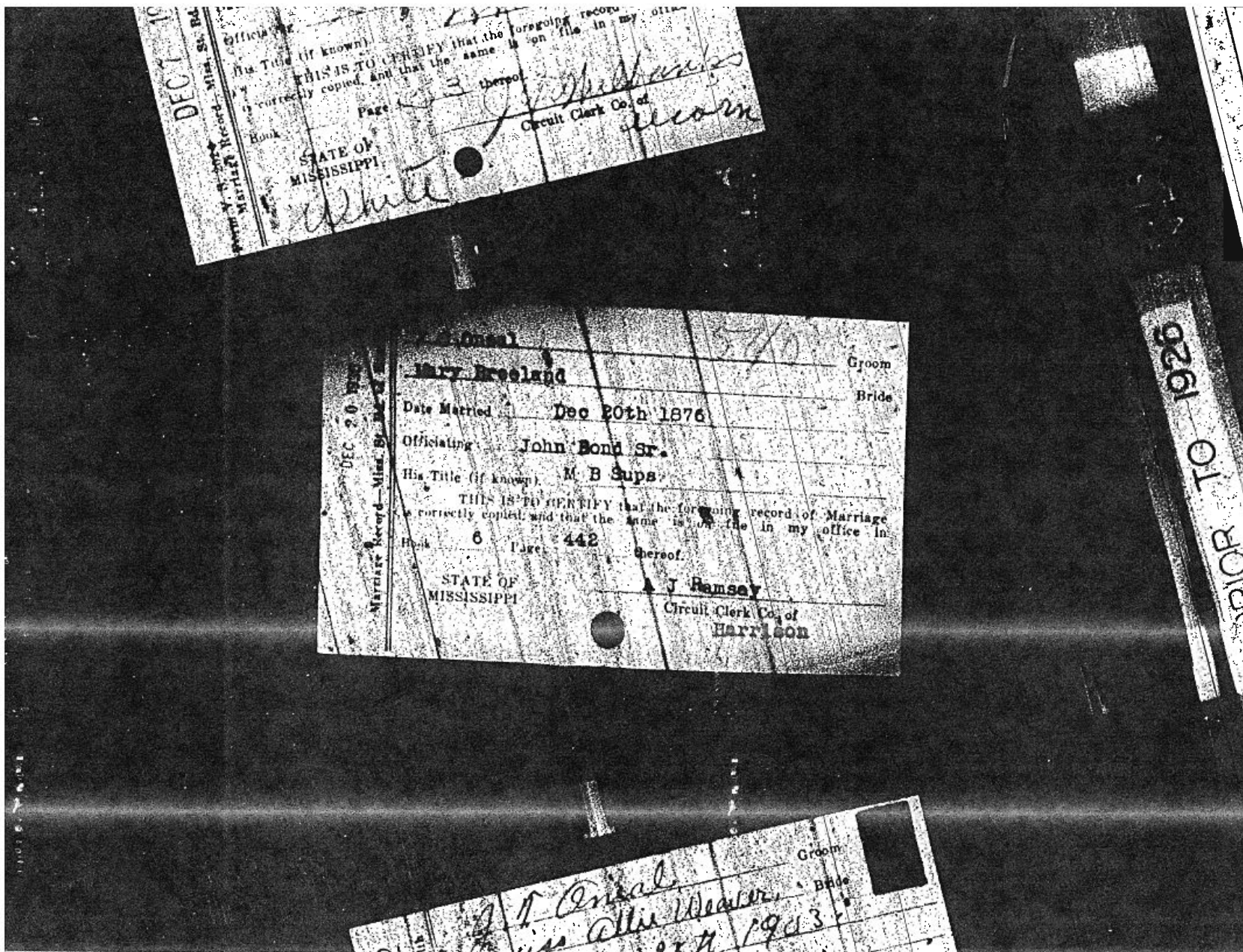
This is to certify that the records in my office show that the above named

were licensed on **July 25 - 1930** to marry; that said license was never cancelled; and that no returns were made showing that the marriage was ever consummated. (Book **498** Page **498** my office.)

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Circuit Clerk County of **Jackson**

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AUG 26 1936
Form V.S. 201
Marriage Record—Miss. St. Bd. of Health

Groom (White)
Cole R. Herrington
Bride (White)
July 2, 1891
Date Married
J. E. Whittington
Officiating
His Title (if known) Elder
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Book 4 Page 356 thereof
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Circuit Clerk Co. of

Marriage Record—Miss. St. Bd. of Health
Form V.S. 201
JUN 26 1936 P.T. Co.

Groom
O'Neal, E.V.
Bride
Dunfee, Miss Emma R.
Date Married 8/9/1897
Officiating W.S. Webb
His Title (if known)
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Book 1 Page 158 thereof
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Circuit Clerk Co. of Hinds

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showing that the marriage was ever consummated. (Book 7, Page 476
my office.)
STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI
Circuit Clerk County of

AUG 26 1930
Form vs. 201
Miss. St. Bd. of Health
Marriage Record
Frank O'Neal Groom (White)
Eunice E. Roberts Bride (White)
Date Married September 21, 1904
Officiating Frank E. O'Neal
His Title of known Minister
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Circuit Clerk Co. of

JUN 14 1930
Miss. St. Bd. of Health
J. H. O'Neal Groom (White)
Ella Martin Bride (White)
Date Married Jan. 21, 1885
Officiating Louis Vaddy
His Title of known C. P.
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Form V.S. 201
Marriage Record - V

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Circuit Clerk Co. of Stall

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Form V.S. 201
Marriage Record - V

AUG 26-1936

St. Bd. of Health

Color (White)

Groom (White)

Bride (White)

Mary Margaret Fairley

Date Married: NOV. 19, 1879

Officiating: W.W. Broom

His Title or Known: M.B.S.

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Circuit Clerk Co. of Cadison

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Form V.S. 201
Marriage Record - V

St. Bd. of Health

Color (White)

Groom (White)

Bride (White)

Harper Sophy

Date Married: 0th. July 1912

Officiating: J. W. Walker

1. B. S.

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Amelia Edwards 1856 fk
Nancy Ann Rich 1866 fk
Blender Jane Newell 1883 fk
wid Holliman 1854 fk
George Herrington 1854 fk

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Donald 1863 fk
ret 1858
e 1881

ret Hinton 1837 cc
Johnson 1837 fk

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Preston mr

Permelia Rhodes mr

Herrington SC1825 fk
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Marion Lee 1844 fk

e Gillis 1851 fk

j. Easterling 1843 fk

onald 1863 fk

y Ann Davis fk

e Grantham 1857 fk

McLemore 1861 cc

Hinton in 1860

atherine 1818

et SC1810

1900

(of Rankin Co.) 1847

wn 1861 cc

Odom, Michael

Mary Catherine Ann

Lucy Adaline

William

Rhoda E.

Michael

Simeon

Jane

Andrew

Darley Ann

William

John P.

Matthew R.

Jesse D.

Ella Odellia (Jo/Co)

Odom, Owen, Sr. (Wy/Co) SC1811

Nina

Albert

Allan

Alfred

Alsom

Elizabeth

Mary

Alvin

Owen, Jr. (Wy/Co)

Odom, Raspberry

Elizabeth

Odom, Sidney A.

Odom, Simeon

George L.

Hugh A.

Daniel J.

O'Neal, Addison

O'Neal, Arthur

O'Neal, Betsy

Sabra

Nancy

John

1820 1841

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1885

1. Cath. Eliz. Merritt SC1820 fk

2. Mrs. Catherine Hinton 1835 cc

Duncan McCardle 1852 fk

James Pitts 1840 cc

Hanson C. J. Runnels 1849 cc

Margaret A. 1857

Twice: Refer to -

Allen Gillis 1852 cc

Eran 1863

John T. McLemore 1859 mr

Ida T. 1879

Ester A. 1881

Ransom Willis Rainey 1875 pg

1. Cecelia SC1811

2. Elizabeth Blackledge 1840 fk

Mrs. Ellen Runnels 1834 cc

Miranda (Wy/Co)

Nancy Cooley (Wy/Co) 1844 fk

Gone 1860

1. Rowena Odom-Norsworthy 1850 cc

2. Anna A. 1870

Elizabeth 1839

Eran Sapp 1861 mr

1. Mary Hinton (Jo/Co) 1856 cr

2. Sallie E. Purvis 1873 mr

Eran 1880

Mary 1882

LW Clayton Smith in 1850

Hannah Benton 1767 fk

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							IND.	LA.	MO.
138-142	MOORE	GEORGE	W	M	35	FARMER	MISS	MISS	MISS
"	"	ELIZABETH	"	F	28	K.H.	"	"	"
"	"	ALBERT	"	M	13	"	"	"	"
"	"	BENARD	"	M	11	"	"	"	"
"	"	CLAIBORN	"	M	9	"	"	"	"
"	"	WESTLEY	"	M	7	"	"	"	"
"	"	HEZEKIRE	"	M	5	"	"	"	"
"	"	THOMAS	"	M	2	"	"	"	"
139-143	ONEAL	JOHN	"	M	25	FARMER	"	GA.	GA.
"	"	MARY	"	F	22	K.H.	"	MISS	MISS
"	"	MONROE	"	M	3	"	"	"	"
"	"	WALDON	"	M	2	"	"	"	"
140-144	HATTON	WM.	"	M	39	FARMER	MISS	ALA.	ALA.
"	"	SELETY	"	F	38	K.H.	"	MISS	MISS
"	"	BELLA	"	F	16	"	"	"	"
"	"	MARTIN	"	M	13	"	"	"	"
"	"	MIDDIE	"	F	9	"	"	"	"
"	"	PAUL	"	M	5	"	"	"	"
141-145	HERINGTON	NATAL	"	M	24	FARM LABORER	"	"	"
"	"	DELEY	"	F	22	K.H.	"	"	"
"	"	LILIAN	"	F	2	"	"	"	"
"	"	GRASE	"	F	6/12	" JAN.	"	"	"
142-146	BOND	CLABORN	"	M	56	FARMER	S.C.	S.C.	S.C.
"	"	FRANCIS M.	"	F	57	K.H.	MISS	MISS	MISS
"	"	RANKIN	"	M	19	"	"	S.C.	"
"	"	LAZERUS	"	M	16	"	"	"	"
"	"	THERRY	"	F	13	"	"	"	"
143-147	ONEAL	J. H.	"	M	55	FARMER	MISS	MISS	MISS
"	"	ELIZA	"	F	53	K.H.	"	"	"
"	"	ELIJAH	"	M	20	"	"	"	"
"	"	EVANDER	"	M	16	"	"	"	"
"	"	JAMES T.	"	M	12	"	"	"	"
"	"	JOSEPHINE	"	F	25	"	"	"	"
144-148	BRELAND	ABNER	"	M	35	FARM LABORER	"	LA.	LA.
"	"	ELIZA N.	"	F	32	K.H.	"	MISS	MISS
"	"	HENRY	"	M	13	"	"	"	"
"	"	CATHERINE	"	F	12	"	"	"	"

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Mr. H. Grady Howell, Jr.
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Madison, Mississippi 39110

Dear Grady:

I opened Volume III of For Dixie Land I'll Take My Stand, a Muster Listing of All Known Mississippi Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, N-Z, and carefully inspected Volume IV which is a wonderful collection of pictures that I looked at for a long time. Then I indexed Volume III to Volume IV so I could tell who you have pictures of. Both books are well bound and lie open easily--this is not an idle comment because I once worked in book production at the University of Michigan Press.

When I first looked at your book of pictures I thought to tell you about Tim Burgess and the collection of pictures in the Carter Museum, but I see that some of the pictures came from Tim so he has probably sent you copies of all those Mississippians posted in the museum.

Carnton and the Confederate Cemetery

I may have told you that our daughter Nancy J. King (married to Timothy Babb) has been on the faculty of Vanderbilt Law School since 1990 and served for two years as Associate Dean. So I am frequently visiting in Nashville, the last time for Grandparents' Chocolate Day at Harding Academy on December 17. Then I visited Carnton and the Confederate Cemetery with the King/Babb family for the nth time. Surprisingly that weekend Martin's grave alone of the 1500 other graves was decorated with a plastic-covered message of good wishes to Corporal Martin

Bond and large artificial flowers. I don't know who would have done it and only for him?

It had been some years since I had visited Carnton, though I often visit the cemetery as do my grandchildren. It is a regular 4th grade trip for Harding, the private school they both attended. The guides at Carnton now tell us that after the battle the McGavocks moved out of the house as it was turned into a hospital for amputations. They tell us the family stayed on the top story of an adjacent building. When I was last there before there were blood stains showing on the floor of only one second-floor room. Now much more paint has been stripped off the floor and every second-room floor shows blood stains some in the outlines of bottoms of buckets.

Preston Bond

I think I have another picture for you, Preston Bond, brother of Wilkin and Martin in a suit made by Pres's mother Lydia Nelson Bond (Russel's wife). I suspect she also made the three suits in the Bonds' picture on your page 31. Pres's picture that I can find is one of 5 in the Bond family found on a large piece of paper in the house Polly Ann homesteaded at Lyman, a copy of which was sent to me by my cousin, Bill Lowery. Pres, the youngest boy in the family, served in the 5th Battalion.

Alma Hickman (one of mother's mentors) once wrote a short story about searching the swamps towards the end of the War for a 16-year-old being helped by his family to avoid service towards the end of the War. It's very well written. If you want a copy of it I look for it.

Pres Bond's house (turned 90 degrees from its original orientation) is on Highway 49 just north of Wiggins near the town of Bond. (There is a picture of the house in my mother's book.) My grandmother Sarah Lydia Herrington (born 1868) attended school in Pres's house with several other children of her age, including, I think, Willard F. Bond, later Superintendent of Mississippi schools.

Pres survived the War along with his sisters Nellie, Mary (Polly) Ann Bond (my great-grandmother), Kizzie, and Delphi (Adelphia). Their brothers Wilkin & Martin in the Third Mississippi did not. Pres Bond applied for a pension and I have sent for a copy of his application.

Martin & Wilkin Bond

As you know, Martin with Company H of the Third Mississippi Infantry was killed on the battlefield at Franklin and Wilkin of the same company was wounded there. I don't know which of the 41 house/hospitals in Franklin he was in but like your ancestor he was taken prisoner on December 17 (or thereabouts) when the Confederates had to abandon their wounded as they retreated from Nashville and south through Franklin. I don't think he was hospitalized at Carnton because that house may have been used exclusively for amputations and there never has been a hint that Wilkin had a limb amputated. (He may have gone to Camp Chase via Louisville. That was the way my great-grandfather John Milton Herrington of the Live Oak Rifles was sent after being wounded in the left hip at Franklin and also the way Cephas Bond.) Wilkin died at Camp Chase of variola in March 1865 just before the end of the War. Having read that on Aunt Grace's UDC application, I found out that variola is an old name for smallpox. (I have also encountered the noun "varioid.") Typical of a country boy not to have been vaccinated although vaccinations against smallpox had been available at least in U.S. cities since the late 1794..

I once recalled that my mother had told me that her half-sister Grace (daughter of Delphi and my grandfather Herrington) was a member of the UDC. Grace married a judge in Alabama and I think my mother thought the UDC application was part of Grace's efforts to raise her own social status. (I remember being told something about fox hunting as part of that famiy's life style.) I have had trouble getting in touch with the UDC (and it always seems to be the weekend when I go through Richmond) but some years ago I send a copy of mother's book to them as a lagniappe and asked them to send me copies of Aunt

Grace's application. They did. That's how I first found out about Wilkin and Franklin and Wilkin's death by variola at Camp Chase, Ohio, none of which I had ever heard of. As a matter of fact I thought until then that you had to be a direct descendant of a veteran to join the UDC, which of course upon reflection would make no sense since a large portion of the soldiers were unmarried 17-year-olds.

Much later I found Martin's, Russel's, and Wilkin's picture marked on the back with a label pasted by my grandmother which you printed in your book on the 3rd Mississippi.

That was before Nancy moved to Nashville so when she did I drifted to Franklin on my first visit, never expecting to find Martin's grave. To my surprise I found "M. Bond" listed in the booklet based on Mrs. McGavock's handwritten list of the soldiers buried in the Confederate Cemetery which she and her husband gave two acres for.

As to Wilkin's grave at Camp Chase, I learned from a Civil War magazine that there was going to be a re-enactment at Camp Chase, Ohio, at a time I was driving south anyway. (I couldn't figure out how they would do a reenactment in a cemetery which is all that is left of Camp Chase.) But I went and found Wilkin's grave. One of the speakers at that re-enactment mentioned that in the 1890's (and maybe before and after) railroad carloads of flowers were shipped to Camp Chase cemetery from Southern families, probably on Memorial Day. I am sure I am the first member of the family who has visited both Martin's and Wilkin's grave or maybe either grave.

At the Battle of Franklin reunion of descendants in 2002, I found three other women with ancestors who were sent to Camp Chase. Apparently there was a smallpox section of the camp to which at least one prisoner, not ill with smallpox, was sent as punishment. That must have been the section of the prison where Wilkin died. We four women have formed a "Camp Chase caucus" among the Franklin descendants.

Cephas Bond

Cephas Bond, also of Company H of the 3rd Mississippi, was a much younger brother of my great-great-grandfather Russel (don't know which is his spelling is Russel or Russell; I have seen it both ways). Lou Anderson's Bond genealogy says Cephas is found in the records as Seaford, Seaborn, Josephus, and Seaphus. His father was Lt. Colonel John Bond whose descendants (including Cephas's) have a reunion each year on the Sunday before Labor Day at Flint Creek Park near Wiggins. I have been attended it five times including 2002. According to Lou Anderson's mammoth book on the Bonds, Cephas enlisted as a Confederate soldier on October 8, 1861 at Pass Christian. He was wounded at Franklin and taken prisoner on December 14, 1864. He was transferred from Franklin to Louisville, then to Camp Chase, and then to Pt. Lookout, Maryland, and was released on June 9, 1865 after taking the Oath of Allegiance. On June 14, 1865, he was sent from the Provost Marshall General, Washington, D.C. to Harrison County, MS.

Lou Anderson writes that family legend says that money was not provided and that Cephas walked (or managed (for horseback transportation) the entire way home. (I didn't think money was ever provided for Confederates to return home at the end of the War.) Ms. Anderson writes that Cephas never recovered from the Civil War wounds and remained in poor health after the War, taking his life with a shotgun about 1906, according to his widow's application for a pension.

John Milton Herrington

As to John Milton Herrington (my great-grandfather) as a Confederate soldier, it is family tradition supported by your book To Live and Die in Dixie, by documents from microfilm at the Pascagoula library from the Mississippi State Archives, and by his second wife Mary E. Herrington's application for a widow's pension, and from page 386 of your book that he was a member Company A of the Third Mississippi, the Live Oak Rifles (which figures

since the Herrington place was in Jackson County at its northern border with George County by the confluence of Red and Black Creeks) and that he was wounded at Franklin in the left hip. The documents and the application state he was sent to Camp Chase. (Mary Herrington refers to it as Camp Chase, Maryland. If, like Cephas, John Milton was sent from Camp Chase, Ohio, to Pt. Lookout, Maryland, in making out her pension application 60 years later Mary Herrington may have blended the two locations.)

The family history comes from my first cousin Elizabeth Sulteen, daughter of Bess who was my mother's half sister. Bess like my mother was a granddaughter of John Milton. Bess told her daughter Elizabeth that her daddy (C. A. Herrington) told her he remembers his father coming home from the War, limping, perhaps walking up a long road toward the house. (A long road lined on both sides with trees--or am I confusing that with Gone With the Wind?) C. A., John Milton's youngest child and only boy, remembered that when his sisters sighted John Milton a long way off and recognized their father they started crying and he didn't understand why they were crying. Daddy was coming home and to this 11-year-old boy that was no reason to cry!

John Milton was walking home from Camp Chase unless he had been sent to another prisoner of war camp as Cephas was. Why his papers are John C. and we know him as John Milton, I don't know, but it is the same person.

On page 554 of your book he is listed in the Live Oak Rifles.

John Milton subsequently became a justice of peace in Jackson County and held other public offices. His first wife was Phoebe Jones and after she died he married Mary Byrd Fairley, "widow" of Matthew W. Fairley. The Fairley place apparently adjoined the Herrington place near the confluence of the creeks. It seems that Matthew was also a Live Oak Rifle and you list him as M. W. Fairley. Mary Fairley was apparently, at least after the War, an annoying, abrasive, critical, and irritating woman, no fun to live with or have visit. There are a lot of Fairleys still left around Wiggins and Jackson County so the family

history is alive and well among them and the O'Neals. My cousin Arl O'Neal of Wiggins told me that a lot of people think Matthew wasn't killed, "he just took off." (Still talking about 1865 as if it was yesterday! This is as close as I have come to Faulkner's comment that in the South "the past isn't dead, it isn't even past.") Two O'Neals married into the Herrington and the Fairley families and this is probably where Arl got the comment.

Arl also told me that in the middle of the War there was a crisis in the Fairley family, Sarah Belle was sick and about to die, when Confederates came to bring Matthew Fairley to be a soldier. He pleaded to be left at home until the crisis was over but the men who came for him refused to allow him the time.

John Milton Herrington is buried in a very small three-grave family cemetery just off an old logging road in what were once heavy woods on land now used for hunting. Since I first saw the graves International Paper has clear cut the land but fortunately not immediately around the graves. The little graveyard is near where the Fairley place would have been and the first burial there was of Sarah Belle Fairley, a daughter of Matthew and Mary Byrd Fairley who died in 1863 during the War. (It must have been her approaching death which Matthew pleaded when he didn't want to go with the soldiers.) The graveyard is near the junction of Black and Red Creeks and I once saw there a sign on a board that said "Herrington Landing." It is no longer there.

Arl said that in the 1880's one of John Milton's daughters (I think Aunt Eliza Herrington O'Neal, Arl's grandmother) put a tombstone (engraved for John Milton) in a wagon and drove it cross country to mark her father's grave. It must have been a very rough and bumpy trip. She left a road where Highway 49 now is and drove the wagon across bumpy fields to Jackson County. I needed Arl to help me find the tiny cemetery because rutty and muddy back roads have to be traversed and they are full of holes and but Arl is gone now. He died on December 23, 1999. He was, like me, a great-grandchild of John Milton.

Mary Herrington is buried in another cemetery on flat land near a field which Arl showed me. She applied for a widow's pension on John Milton's record and I got a copy of her application from the Pascagoula Library genealogy section. Mary died in 1928.

Cincinnatus Abernathy Herrington

My grandfather Herrington was killed in December 1923, three months before I was born. He was called "Nat" in Wiggins. He was driving his truck across the Gulf & Ship Island tracks near McHenry when his truck was hit by a train he didn't hear coming.

My mother said he often talked about his fear as a young boy of the Yankee cavalry who rode across Mississippi from Baton Rouge in December 1864 in Davidson's raid. They had been sent to cut Hood's supply lines on the northbound Mobile & Ohio railroad in Alabama close to the Mississippi border. When the Yankee cavalry reached the Pascagoula River in December 1864 it was too flooded to cross, even by ferry, so they went down the west side of the river to the Gulf Coast. They rode through the Ramsay place, the O'Neal place, and many other farms and homes.

The Yankees in Mississippi were sending boys and old men as prisoners to Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island in the Gulf. C.A. was 11 years old. As the Yankees reached the Herrington place, C.A. hid in his family's corn crib which had pumpkins piled close to the roof. Scared to death, he stayed there during the raid without making a sound while the pumpkins dropped on his head ("Plump, plump, plump"). In later life he told this story often. By the time my mother heard the story 35 years later, Nat made it sound very funny.

Arl had a Davidson's raid story which I never wrote down because I thought we would have a lot more time together so I remember it only in outline. His O'Neal ancestors (a set of brothers) were not enthusiastic about the War and didn't serve. Whether they hid out in swamps I was never sure. They constituted themselves a "Home Guard" and rescued at least one woman whose house had just been

entered by Yankee raiders. The O'Neal brothers had spotted the cavalrymen's horses tied up to her porch rail.

My mother's high school classmate Walline Skoglund Batson toldus the story of her grandmother Ramsay who sewed her silverware in the hems of her skirt and moved her feet slowly and carefully in tiny flat sliding steps so the Yankees wouldn't hear the silver clink.

There is another family's tale of the raid in *Four Centuries on the Pascagoula*. I wanted to gather more of these stories but it's hard to do it without Arl.

William Dallas Cruthirds

According to my great-grandmother's application for a pension my great-grandfather William Dallas Cruthirds rode with Forrest. In Mary (Polly) Ann Bond's application for a widow's pension from Stone County she says he did. I have sent for a copy of the original application.

William Cruthirds was in the 15th Confederate Cavalry (not a Mississippi unit) which was apparently under Forrest's command. He would have been 17 at the beginning of the War in 1861. I found a lot of microfilmed military records on him in the Pascagoula library but they were not too informative.

He is buried in a little family cemetery of Cruthirds and Sweatmans off Cowan Road north of Pass Road near Bayou Bernard, carefully walled off from a new subdivision. It is near Handsboro and very near where the location of the old Cruthirds homestead which no longer stands. William died of pneumonia in 1872 at the age of 28 leaving my great-grandmother Polly Ann Bond Cruthirds (later Eldridge) to care alone for three little children, my grandmother Sarah Lydia Cruthirds, born in 1868 and then 4 years old, Bill (age 3), and Wash (age 1). Polly Ann would leave my grandmother in charge of her two young brothers and go out in the fields to work, but the four-year-old couldn't manage the toddler and the baby.

Thus Polly Ann Bond Cruthirds wasn't able to make it alone and moved back to Wiggins (not so named yet) to live with her mother and father Russel and Lydia Nelson Bond. From the five years she spent as a child in the Russel Bond house my grandmother remembered her grandmother Lydia as rather sour and angry. Now that I know Lydia Bond had lost her two oldest sons, 4-1/2 months and 1 month before the end of the War, I think she must have been very depressed by their deaths to say nothing of the effect on the formerly well-off family from the hard struggle to survive in Reconstruction. (Once during World War II I got a heartfelt lecture from my Grandma about the sufferings of an occupied country when I bemoaned the capture of Paris by the Germans which had occurred the day before.)

I don't believe Polly Ann Bond Cruthirds's second husband Napoleon Bonaparte Eldridge was a war veteran. She married him in about 1877. In about 1894 he shot himself in his house at Lyman, Mississippi, a house that Polly Ann had homesteaded. It was on the old road north from the Gulf (can't remember the name of the road right now). In 1924 long after her second husband's death, Polly Ann Bond (Cruthirds) Eldridge applied for a pension on the basis of William Cruthird's record. It was remarkable that Polly Ann married two men after the Civil War when there was a severe shortage of men in the South.

Napoleon B. Eldridge died in when his daughter Aunt Nell Eldridge (later Lowery, my grandmother's half-sister) was 14. She discovered him dead in his bedroom when she brought him his morning coffee. The new owners of that house have heard and felt a ghost in that room and Nell's son Oscar Lowery and I were mesmerized by their stories a few years ago when we visited them in the newly redecorated house.

What is your next book project?

Best,

Jean Ledwith King

P.S. I am reading *Rebel Private: Front and Rear: Memoirs of a Confederate Soldier* (Meridian, 1997) by William A. Fletcher, a footsoldier in Hood's Texans and a horseman in Terry's Texas Rangers. I bought it in Gulfport on December 27, 2000, when I was in Mississippi for Arl's funeral. Have you seen it? The back cover says Shelby Foote calls it "the best account I know of."

P.P.S. I came to Mississippi again January 9 and 10, 2000, for the 185th celebration of the Battle of New Orleans in which Lt. Col. John Bond fought under Andy Jackson with a company he had formed from his Bond relatives. He may not have reached the battle site at Chalmette but might have been part of the militia that were needed to guard against British penetration of the numerous rivers bayous emptying into the Gulf on the Louisiana coast.

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O'Neal - Neal Family

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	Acres		Acres
Mary Levis	100	Isabella Bailey	100
Alex'dr Brannan	150	Ann Bailey	100
John Glenn	200	William Bailey	100
William Moore	300	Hamilton Murdock	350
James McKewn	150	Andrew English	150
James Wallace	300	Penelope McClune	100
Jane Wallace	100	Peter McDowell	300
William Wallace	100	Thomas Martin	150
Mary Wallace	100	John Kinnard	350
Robert McKewn	150	John Long	100
William McKewn	100	Daniel McLean	300
James Graham	150	James McLean	100
Jonathan Read	150	Lettice McLean	100
Nathan Nichols	100	Charles Dunbar	100
John Clennending	100	John Robins	200
John Brownlie	150	John Johnston	350
Joseph Brownlie	100	Thomas McAdory	250
Ann Brownlie	100	William Meglamery	150
James Brownlie	200	Peter Waters	350
Jane Brownlie	100	Samuel Cathcart	100
Alice Brownlie	100	James Dezill	100
Nathaniel Bailey	250	Robert Beaty	100
Jannet Bailey	100	Thomas Bell	250
Joseph Bailey	100	Robert Bell	100
Elizabeth Bailey	100	John Waite	200

In Granville or Craven County.

ORDERED that the Secretary do prepare Warrants of Survey accordingly.

The following persons presented petitions to his Excellency the Governor setting forth that they were protestants and arrived in this province in the Brig Lord Dunnagannon Robert Montgomery Master on the encouragement and Bounty given by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the 25th July 1761 and therefore prayed to be allowed the same.

That the prayers of their petitions were granted and the public Treasurer was ordered to pay the Bountys of four pounds and two pounds sterling according to their respective ages in consideration of their passages to this Province to Messrs Tor

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rans and Pouag in behalf of the owners of the said Brig and the remaining twenty shillings sterling to themselves agreeable to the directions of the said Act.

Names	Ages	Names	Ages
John O'Neal	40	Ann Moore	24
Margaret O'Neal	35	Elizabeth Moore	7
Jane O'Neal	15	Thomas Moore	5
Alice O'Neal	12	Robert Moore	2
Margaret O'Neal	5	James McKewn	23
Arthur O'Neal	3	Elizabeth McKewn	24
James Boden	50	James Wallace	45
Jane Boden	36	Eleanor Wallace	42
Margaret Boden	18	Jane Wallace	22
Sarah Boden	2	William Wallace	18
William Leg	20	Mary Wallace	16
James Fleming	30	Robert Wallace	14
Hannah Fleming	24	Margaret Wallace	12
William Fleming	23	Elizabeth Wallace	6
Henry Green	24	Robert McKewn	52
Jane Green	22	Jane McKewn	45
Robert Thomson	40	William McKewn	17
Jane Thomson	30	James Graham	34
Sarah Thomson	9	Margaret Graham	28
William Thomson	7	Jonathan Reed	30
Andrew Thomson	3	Jane Reed	26
Samuel Nelly	45	Nathaniel Nickels	24
Jane Nelly	40	John Clenningding	21
William Nelly	32	John Browlee	40
Sarah Nelly	30	Alice Brownlee	36
Mary Nelly	15	Joseph Browlee	19
Jane Nelly	13	Ann Brownlee	15
Sarah Nelly	7	James Brownlee	32
John Nelly	4	Jane Brownlee	18
Alexander Brannan	20	Alice Brownlee	15
Mary Brannan	20	George Brownlee	11
John Glen	40	John Brownlee	8
Rose Glen	30	Nathaniel Bailey	50
Jane Glen	3	Jane Bailey	45
William Moore	36	Janet Bailey	23

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THE O'NEAL FAMILY

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Be Good! Someone might be kin to you!

I was sitting in church the other Sunday and a young lady came up and asked, "Are you the Richard O'Neal that is the editor for the Hy-Niall newsletter?" I replied, "Yes but how did you know we have a newsletter?" She said "We get copy of it each quarter and enjoy reading it." I then began to think real fast and came to the conclusion that we must be kin. I asked "Well then, how are you related to the O'Neals? You wouldn't be receiving it unless you are kin somehow." She said that it was on her husband's side. So I called my Dad, Billie O'Neal to come over and figure this out. Come to find out, Bryan's great grand father was Matheldridges O'Neal's brother! We have been going to church with them for several years and never knew that we were related. It just goes to show, you better be careful, cuz you may be kin. By the way, the young lady I was talking to was Tammy Hancock, wife of Bryan Hancock.

Richard

Proudly Announcing

Hy-Niall Reunion

July 6, 2002

Near Chatom, Alabama

Reynolds Holiness Church, Hwy 17

Time: 10:00 A.M. - 'til ???

Potluck Lunch - Beverages Available

This **Reunion** is for all descendents of John (Shane) and Margaret O'Neal who came to Charlestown SC from Belfast Ireland on February 3, 1768.

They brought their family with them: three daughters, Jane, Alice, Margaret and a son Arthur. Their son, Arthur had two sons, James and William who married sisters, Thana and Susana Dickey. They settled in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

IMPORTANT:

Our genealogy records have been improved and increased dramatically, thanks to information gathered from many of our relatives over the years. Your help and sense of caring are most appreciated. Anything you can bring to share: history, relics, pictures, stories and your own family tree updates will be most appreciated.



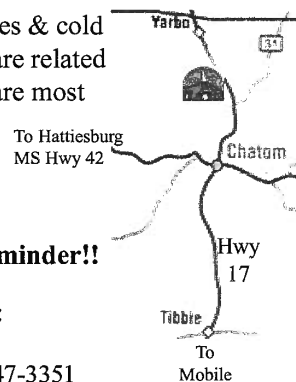
The Reynolds Holiness Church has a new air conditioned building that was just completed in April of 2001.

There will be necessary facilities & cold beverages available. All who are related in any manner to the O'Neals are most welcome. **COME!!!**

**Mark your calendar NOW
for July 6, 2002
you may not have another reminder!!**

For more information, Please Call:
Billie O'Neal @ 601-428-1774
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Come! Meet and Greet your kinfolks!



Introducing: Eli Washington O'Neal

by Larry O'Neal

⁴Eli Washington O'Neal, ³William O'Neal,
²Arthur O'Neal, ¹John Shell O'Neal

Eli Washington O'Neal, the eighth and last child of William O'Neal and Susannah Dickey O'Neal, was born on November 27, 1843. After serving in the Civil War, he made his way to Poplarville in Marion (now Pearl River) County. He found lodging with William Hudson Rouse and Seleta Ann 'Sidie' Flurry Rouse. They had a red-haired young daughter named Mary Ann Rouse, born May 2, 1845.



Eli Washington O'Neal and Mary Ann Rouse

Eli and Mary married on November 14, 1867. They homesteaded 160 acres of land in Harrison County, at the crossroads where Highway 67 and Bethel Road intersect. They satisfied the homestead requirement by building a log house and clearing some of the land. They also began populating the land, with the first of 11 children born on August 28, 1868. After meeting the requirements for permanently owning the land, Eli and Mary filed another homestead on the 160 acres next to theirs. They built another log house, and cleared more land. Another man contested the second homestead, and attempted to wrest the 160 acres away from Eli. The case went to the State Supreme Court, where Eli won.

Eli and Mary also continued the population expansion, with the last child, Loren, born on December 12, 1889. In 1894 Mary's sister Martha Rouse Scarborough died, leaving a three-month-old daughter, Lona Louvenia Scarborough, whom Eli and Mary adopted.

By 1912, they had over 50 descendants, including grandchildren and sons- and daughters-in-law. Eventually Eli and Mary built a more modern, two-story house, and the log house was abandoned. No sign of the two log houses remains. The 320 acres stayed intact until Mary died in 1918. It then was split up among the children. Loren wound up with 80 acres, including the land with the house. The house burned down in 1948, and Loren rebuilt on the same site. He lived there until he died in 1956. His son, Loren Eli, has lived there since 1957, expanding and improving the house.

Eli and Mary O'Neal and Children circa 1910



Seated, left to right: Garrett William, Enoch Washington, Sabra Eletha, Eli Washington, Mary Ann, and Demarion Lemuel.

Standing, left to right: Fidelia Susannah, Ernest Elijah, Lona Louvenia Scarborough (adopted niece), Sidney Eli, Roberta Mary Elva, Aurelius Pericles, Evangeline Seleta, and Loren Emory.

About 1900 Eli sold two acres to the Poplar Head Methodist Church for use as a church site and cemetery. He died August 31, 1912, and was the first person buried there. Mary lived until March 10, 1918, and is buried beside him. Numerous descendants and relatives also are buried there.

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## On September 25, 2000

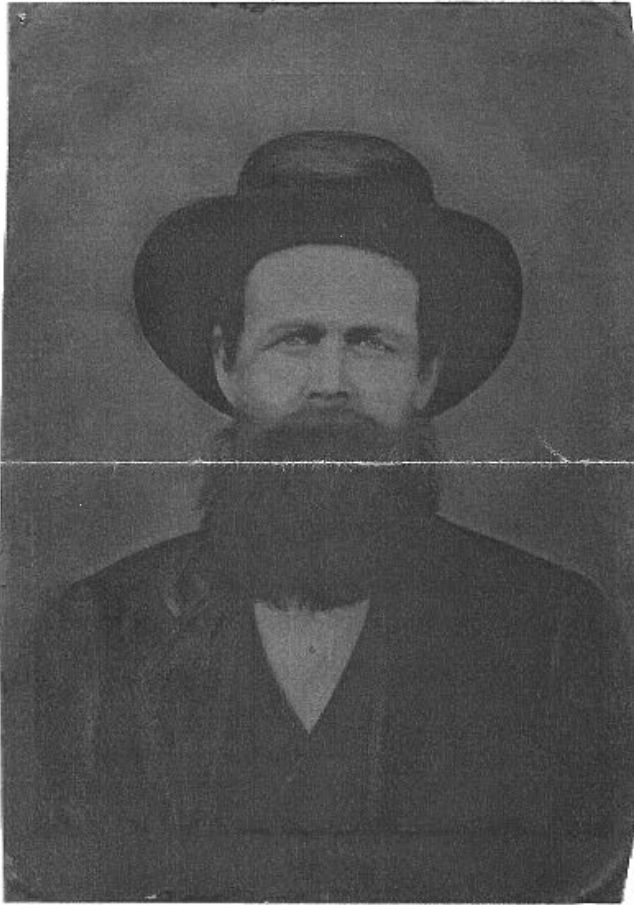
Emory Vincent O'Neal and Betty Braswell exchanged vows in the courthouse in Orlando Florida with his brother L. E. O'Neal as best man!!!



Emory is the grandson of Eli Washington O'Neal and was born December 17, 1919. He received BS and MS degrees from MSU with post graduate work at Univ of FL and FSU. He taught Biology at Boone High School for 29 years and retired in 1986. Henry and Betty are now living happily in Orlando.

by Larry O'Neal

## Introducing Our Ancestor Matheldridge "Shell" O'Neal



from an old photo oils on a tintype  
Shell O'Neal 1836 - 1912

Shell was the fifth child of James Benton O'Neal and Thana Dickey and was born on November 9, 1836 in Harrison County Mississippi. On October 29, 1858 he married Elizabeth Betsy Walker on the Walker Plantation in Stone County MS. They raised a fine family of fifteen children consisting of Eugenia Samantha, Maranda Euline, Almeda Elizabeth, Elizabeth Jane, 2 infants who died shortly after birth, Tola Richard, Sarden Matheldridge, Albert Lorenzo, Casa Bianca, Persey Lynwood, Marvin Cornelius, Lottie Elva, Velma Pricilla, and Eugene Byron O'Neal.

Shell and Elizabeth spent most of their lives up and down Black and Red Creeks, probably staying the longest period around the Daisy-Vestry area, although many of their earlier years were spent around the Ten-Mile and Sunflower church area, where they left a lot of land to some of their older children whose descendants still live there.

Elizabeth was a very active and outstanding missionary of the time, and is recognized today for having helped to organize some of the strongest country churches in the area including the uniting of two disbanded Churches (Cancelling Hill Baptist Church and Red Hill Baptist Church) into Paramount Baptist Church.

Shell was a restless, colorful man, having inherited some of his grandfather's trading and business skills. He was an organizer himself, and along with some of the other early citizens, established one of the earliest one-room schools in the northwest part of Jackson County. They hired Michael Cox, who had studied to be a priest in Ireland, as its first teacher. Later this school was moved further south and east across Little Red Creek and onto "Backbone Ridge". This took place around 1893 to 1895, and this was still the only existing school serving these three communities of Daisy, Vestry, and Carterville. Then, in 1906, about fifteen families bought stock to build a larger and more modern school and called it Daisy-Vestry.

After accumulating a wealth of land, cattle, and sheep in South Mississippi, Shell sold out what he didn't give away, and then loaded a whole wagon train with family, teams, and supplies, and other personal belongings, and headed for Texas to make another fortune. His fifteenth child, Eugene Byron O'Neal, was born in Texas. A son, Persey, was buried there at the age of nine.

Only legend tells us the next several years of Shell and Elizabeth's life, but I can imagine it to be trying and disappointing years. There wasn't an awareness of the seven-year drought that came about the time they got miles of barbed wire fences strung and livestock established in Texas. All we know for sure is that they returned here and lived in a house right by where Sunflower Church stands today. Elizabeth died there and was buried in the Walker Cemetery on the old Daniel Walker place.

Shell made some trips back and forth to Texas, and somehow made his way into Washington County, Alabama just north of Chatham. There is a place there known as "Shells Landing". Shell re-married in Alabama, and raised eight other children. They lived a quiet and modest life. He died and was buried in Tuscaloosa Alabama without returning to his family in south Mississippi.

His son Gene rode his horse to see him in Alabama when he was seventeen. This is one of very few times he had the pleasure of talking with his father as he was only nine when Shell went to Alabama to stay.



## FIELD DAY IN THE FOREST

by Mrs. Roy O'Neal

Assembled under the pines for the annual affair,  
Great statesmen, the queens, and the foresters were there.  
And seated by the hundreds on the carpet of brown,  
My neighbors and yours, familiar faces were found.

Festivity and gaiety were lent to the affair  
By the Sunny South Band and the Perkettes fair.  
Vying for the honors in such festive scenes,  
We had to take a bow to our lovely Forest Queens.

Against the background of pines, verdant green,  
Other beauties in color were gracing the scene-  
Blazing autumn leaves in brown, gold, and red;  
For their feet a brown carpet of flung needles was spread.

You couldn't decide which was the loveliest of all  
But it seemed to our State Queen the honors did fall.  
She charmed the great audience with her graces of a queen,  
Against the background of beauty on Nature's own screen,  
She flashed a bright smile with her sweet pixie look,  
As if stepping from the pages of a fairyland book.

Then a great man of our nation stood and plead  
For the great living forest that is destroyed and bled.  
He touched on our heart strings a determined glow  
To shield those living pines with renewal to grow.  
Those pines, by fires are burned down in destruction and waste;  
Ruined by greedy men their fortunes to haste.

To help the great leaders to accomplish their work,  
No neighbor or friend their duty must shirk;  
Combining God's gifts and humble man  
Who is willing to work and to understand,

This great gift is placed in our care

For the generations to come, its bounties to share.

Mrs Roy O'Neal is the daughter of Russell and Nancy Bond  
and was christened as Netha Ona Mae Bond in 1904.

**information, please!**

We are looking for any information on the 3 daughters of  
Shane O'Neal: Jane, Alice, and Margaret, who came to the  
Carolinas with him in 1768. They were all born in Ireland.

**Jane:** born in 1753  
**Alice:** born in 1756  
**Margaret:** born in 1763

## Recipe for ICE BOX COOKIES

by Frances Smith Mixner

Cream together: ½ cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar

1 egg slightly beaten  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp vanilla  
½ tsp cream of tartar  
½ tsp baking soda  
½ cup Black Walnut meats



Roll dough into two oblong rolls 1½ - 2 inches across and  
wrap each in waxed paper or Saran wrap. Place in  
freezer compartment overnight. Cut as thin as possible  
for a crisp cookie. May be left in freezer compartment  
for several weeks before baking.  
Bake in oven at 375° for about 8 minutes.

## Attorney Jean Herrington Ledwith King

was honored for more than 30 years of legal and political  
work fighting for the rights of women by the Center for  
the Education of Women and the Institute for Research on  
Women and Gender. In 1970, King filed a sex  
discrimination suit against the University of Michigan  
under Executive Order 11246, the first such  
complaint to be acted upon by HEW and the first successful attack on sex  
discrimination at an American university. It brought  
positive change for women at the University and across  
the country. In 1974, she filed her first Title IX lawsuit in  
federal court on behalf of a Grand Rapids area father  
whose 8th grade daughter wanted to be on the track team.  
This launched King's long and successful career as a  
champion of women's participation in sports. King also  
founded the Women's Caucus of the Michigan  
Democratic Party and served on the federal Glass Ceiling  
Commission from 1992-95. She has been described as  
shrewd, dedicated, outspoken and not afraid to fight.



**For every action, There is an equal  
and opposite Criticism.**

**It is easier to get forgiveness than Permission.**

**The following is a history of Shell O'Neal  
as remembered by Billie (Bill) J. O'Neal.**

Sometime in 1886 or 1887, Grandpa Matheldridge (Shell) O'Neal came to the area of Millry, near Chatom, Alabama area in what is now known as Washington County.

Shell left Mississippi, (Now what I am telling here was not known to the Alabama O'Neals until about 1961) he met and married Sara Angeline Carpenter who was born in 1869 and was married in 1887. They had eight children that I know of being: Dan, Donnie, Vironie, Melissa, Suzie, Maggie, Bud (my Dad) and Print. Dan and Suzie lived only five years each, the others all had very large families and most live in southern Alabama.

When my Dad (Bud) was fishing on Taylors Creek, which is three miles south of Millry on Highway 17, an old black man came up on the other side and started fishing in the same fishing hole. The old man hollered across the creek wanting to know my Dad's name. Dad told him and the man asked Dad if he was related to Shell O'Neal and Dad identified Shell as being his father. The old man started cutting up and hollering again and nearly fell in the creek. Then the old man told Dad the story about Shell bringing him to Alabama from Mississippi on horseback. The boy was raised by Shell and Sara until he was a young man. He then left and married and moved away to Choctaw County, which is just north of Washington County. He had moved back to Millry a few months prior to this meeting on Taylor Creek.

Grandpa Shell was quite a man, they say, who made a living farming and logging. He and Sara (we all knew her by the name of Sally) built a log cabin one and a half miles back in the woods near Yarbo, Alabama. Yarbo is between Millry and Chatom, but no map shows Yarbo anymore. There he raised his second family after leaving 15 kids in Mississippi. (A note here: we believe there were eleven in Alabama but can only come up with eight. Dad had told me some were stillborn and only lived a short while. However none of those were named.) The old home site is completely grown up now; the only thing left is a spring north of the house which, the last time I looked in 1954 still had a cypress lumber cord in it.

In Shell's logging business, he and his men would cut logs and float them several miles down Sinabogue Creek to Tombigbee River near Jackson, Alabama. There he and his men would tie together several hundred logs and float them down the river to Mobile. He had two ways in returning from Mobile. One, he would catch a train to the end of the line, which was just north of Chatom and south of Yarbo. He would have the black boy to meet him with oxen and cart in order to carry the kegs of money he had from selling the timber. However, unbeknownst to his family, he would come home with a certain amount of

money and the family was satisfied that was all he had. In actuality, he and the black boy would hide most of the money in various places between the end of the rail line and home, which was approximately four miles. The money was never recovered, and of course those two are now dead.

The place where Shell arrived at the end of the rail line came to be known as Shell's Landing until around 1951 when it was changed to the local lumber tycoon's name of Jordan (after Ellis Jordan).

The other route home was back through his old home state of Mississippi where he reportedly purchased several thousand acres of land for \$0.25 an acre. The problem was, he never told either the Mississippi or Alabama families about his ownership of said land. Sometime around 1946, maybe earlier (I was about 9 or 10 years) a group of lawyers came to our house looking for Shell's heirs to sign away oil leases to the present land owners. Up until that time, none of the Alabama O'Neals knew anything about land in Mississippi and we did not know a first family existed; Grandpa Shell kept such things to himself. We, Woodrow Reynolds (my cousin), Bud (my Dad), Print, Tommy, Mae O'Neal and myself, went to Mississippi and met Uncle Gene (Eugene) and his family. That was the first time we met Shirley and Joy O'Neal. My Uncle Print spent a lot of money trying to retrieve the missing land, to no avail. Shell had neglected to pay the yearly taxes and subsequently the state took it back and opened it up for homesteading. At the time of the lawyers' visit, the new owners' grandchildren lived on it so there was no way to regain the land.

One day, near the house, Grandpa Shell was cutting a tree and it fell on him, knocking him out. His dog alerted the family, who came and got it off him. His brain was apparently damaged and he was never the same after that. The warm weather bothered him to the point his family could not take care of him. He was admitted to the Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in the summer and he would come home in the winter in cool weather seasons. He died at the Bryce Hospital on November 10, 1912 and was interred there in the hospital cemetery.

My brother Tommy advises me that the cemetery is to be removed for apartment housing and we are in the planning stages of bringing his remains back to the Pleasant Hill (Cold Springs) Cemetery east of Millry, Alabama where Grandma Sara (Sally) is buried.

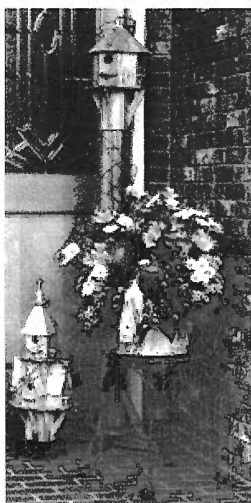
*by Billie O'Neal, his grandson*

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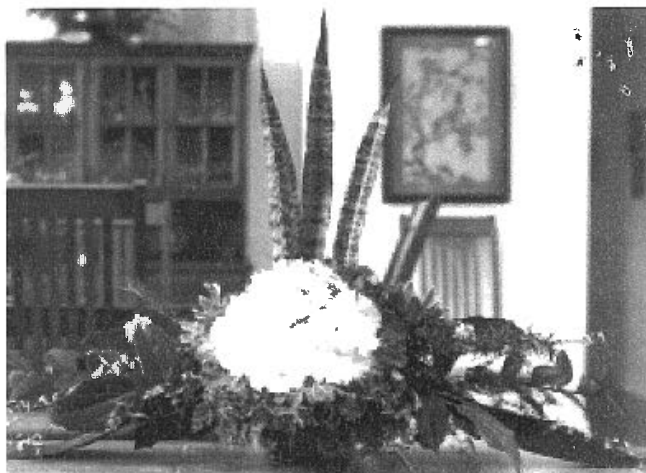
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## Ode to Spring

A standard flower show and tea was presented by the Wiggins Garden Gate Garden Club on March 16, 2002 at the home of Joy & Chuck Sorensen. Unusual designs featuring varied styles, plants, flowers and dried materials were displayed through out the home. Some of the displays follow. Photos are by Cary Cosby.



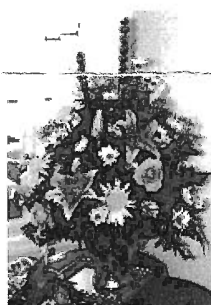
by Ruth Ford



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by Karen Crosby



on the left is by  
**Diane Lambert**



**on the right is**  
**by Reta Resten**



by Joy Logan

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July 29, 1999

Dear Mr. O'Neal,

I was delighted to get your letter and some pages from Aunt Nettie's book earlier this week. I was hoping that I would hear from you. I've been busy with making plans for the dedication of the World War II Memorial which our Society has recently completed (the original was destroyed by Hurricane Camille but I did want to get some information off to you. Since you are a genealogist society I am enclosing a copy of the Quarles genealogy which traces the family back to England. And I must add that Chester sent me a great deal of this information. He served on the Baptist Bd. of World Missions and I served on the Presbyterian Bd. of World Missions at the same time (I was serving there at the time of his death). Before then he had sent me the information and told me that I'd have to complete the Quarles family history - that he didn't have time. But he had been to the Library of Congress looking the family up. So to say, I've never completed it. Maybe I could put it on Oral History?

To answer some of your questions, Yes, the picture on Pg. 63 is my grandfather W. J. Quarles, Chester's uncle. The picture on Pg. 35 is my mother's family. My mother was May, the first one on the left. The picture was taken in front of the family home which my brother now owns, and which we HOPE to restore. It was the site of the first school, the first postoffice, the first store and it was here that Grandpa and Mr. Thomas started the truck farming industry that brought settlers to Long Beach around the turn of the century.

My mother had a great influence on Chester as he was a young boy who had suffered from infantile paralysis and had that withered hand. Mom encouraged him and told him he could do anything he wanted to do. Her Bible verse was Phil 4:13. Once I heard a minister on the Baptist Hour describing him without giving his name. I wrote to the speaker and told him I was sure the minister he was referring to was Chester. He wrote back and said that it was. When Mom died he had him come to preach her funeral. He wrote me later and told me what an emotional experience that was for him. I had not thought of it from that point just that I knew how proud she was of him. I remember well the day he came to ask Mom about the family when he was getting ready to marry Virginia. I stayed in touch with her from time to time. When my husband taught Law at MS College after he retired from the bench we visited with her on several occasions.

Uncle Hugh was the youngest of my grandfather's brothers. He came down to Long Beach following Grandpa as did Alexander J. Quarles, who was his uncle. Then there was Les Quarles who was Mayor of Wiggins who was related, but I never knew just how he was related. Uncle Hugh was living in Wiggins when he met Aunt Grace. I don't know that I ever met her, but I remember Mom taking us children to the AL and I know we saw Vernon and maybe Aunt Grace. And Mom kept in touch with Juanita for a while, but then he lost touch.

You asked about the Alexander. As you see in the family history Chester's grandfather was William J.A. and we presume it was William James Alexander Quarles. Uncle Hugh's father was William W. When William J.A. died, his wife married his brother, David, and their son was Alexander J. who came to L.

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following my grandfather here. I have information that my aunt wrote about the family in the early days, and Uncle Zander (that is what he was called) was an old bachelor and lived with my grandparents until they moved here. He married; came down here; went back to Tennessee a couple of times and finally stayed here. One of his daughters was Grace Quarles who married C. Darby who was President of Perkinson Jr. College. Grace and Mr. Darby lived at Perk for a number of years. When he left Perk he was elected Chancery Clerk and retired from that. They had one daughter, Joyce.

I don't know how much family history you want, but I do have all of the Quarles family history. I need, though, to bring it up to date. My husband was Jim Frank Alexander and he served Stone County as Chancellor from 1967 until 1971. He had many friends in Wiggins. My uncle, H. Y. Quarles, lived there for years and his son, H. Y., Jr. died just two years ago. His daughter is a Probate Judge, Lydia Mazingo, with offices in Jackson. *→ did you know this?*

Again, it was good to hear from you. Let's stay in touch.

Sincerely,

*Mary Ellen Alexander*

Jean,  
I met this lady at a "practice session", put on by M. of South Mo. I had recieved a copy of her book "Rosalee & Radishes", years ago. It was written about early years of Long Beach, mostly about truck farming and early settlers. When she found I was from Wiggins she mentioned an uncle who'd lived here, by the name of Quarles. I promptly responded, "yes, a relative, through the Herrington Family." She responded, "My book, you were kin to Grace?". I copied a few pages from your Mother's book and sent her, also a page from her book that had a picture of W. J. Quarles. She needs a copy of Nellie's book, and there are a few others also, if you have some.

The meeting was about Oral History, the Society will be taking a large part of doing Oral History in Mo. I have speaking engagements, at least weekly, in the local area these days.

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We're heavily involved in the re-development of Ramsey Springs and the Ole New York Hotel at Inuitland Park. Had a pre-organizational meeting last Saturday for Hyatt International Society H.I.S., and scheduled final organizational for second Saturday in September. Each officer is expected to have a child or grandchild who will sit in on our meetings, so they'll be abreast of the mechanics of the organization. We expect to hire a full time Secretary by the New Year.

By the way, at the graduation of our grandson, Mathew at U. of Mississippi in the Spring he mentioned one of his Professors by the name of Chester Quarles; he said, "Well Mathew, this is one of your relatives," he said, "No way!" I later gave Mathew Chester's picture and his genealogy. Mathew will be returning to Ole Miss this month to begin his Law Degree. His brother Andrew will be going there as a freshman. He wants to be an investigator?

I have a volunteer lined up for one Saturday this month to lay brick to repair some of the graves, at Col. J. S. graveyard. We'll then talk about fencing at reunion. Hope everything else will be done by then -

Best wishes

Al  
O'Neal

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Dear People:

I enclose a copy of the O'Neal newsletter which you may not have seen.

I have asked the publisher to send you copies from now on.

Sincerely,



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## Fish Supper Set For Friday Night By RLDS League

By Mrs. Ray Havens  
Chronicle Correspondent)

### RLDS

The Zions League of the RLDS Church of Vancleave will have a fish supper Friday night at the church at 6:30 so that they may purchase funders for the church aisles.

The Bible class met Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Rubie Moe. Dudley Tillman gave the invocation, Karen Rouse and Harry Davis the scripture, and Mrs. Tillman the devotional. Gordon Gibson of Escatawpa brought the message—Sunday night.

### BAPTIST

The Vancleave Baptist Church will be host to the associational hymn sing Sunday afternoon at the Vancleave church, beginning at 2:45 p.m.

The WMU met Tuesday with Mrs. Edward Vaughn. Mrs. Hal Lee presided. She opened the devotional with prayer by Mrs. Nell Davis. This was followed by a report on community missions.

The mission study book was begun by Mrs. J. W. Murphy on the first two chapters from "The Holy Spirit and Missions." Mrs. Lee and Mrs. W. W. Moore led for a period of directed prayer. Mrs. Vaughn served the group cake and coffee or tea.

The pastor, the Rev. Hal Lee is away this week in a revival at Scooba, Miss. His pulpit will be filled Sunday by the Rev. R. L. Vaughn, assistant pastor.

The church is busy making plans for a kitchen and any dishes, etc., would be appreciated to help carry this project out.

### METHODIST

The Mt. Pleasant Methodist WSCS met Tuesday with Mrs. Scott Bond, after Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Hettie Ware had made a house-to-house canvass Monday before.

The results were 21 present at the meeting, at which officers for the coming year were elected. Elected were: president, Mrs. Myrtle Fletcher; vice president, Mrs. Cleo Taylor, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wilma Goff.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Dellene Holden with parts taken by Mrs. Wilma Goff and Mrs. Gertrude Carter.

Others present were Mesdames Lillie Taylor, E. V. Roberts, Della Roberts, Boyd Gamblin, Mae Gamblin, Clara Carter, Angela King, Robbie and Carrie Ware, Wallene Lyons, J. D. Fitzgerald,

## Vancleave...

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Perlie Miller, Mrs. Vidalia Huett, Misses Eaye and Shirley Huett all of Mobile, and Mrs. Julia Gilmore of Key West, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Havens of Jackson were weekend guests of relatives.

The Rev. Dan Havens went to his church at Eddiceton for the weekend.

Going to the funeral of Jack Carley in Richton Monday were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fitzgerald, and the Rev. James Willoughby and R. L. Gressett.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Wilson of Biloxi were Sunday visitors to Mrs. Paula Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobey Carter visited Mrs. Buddy Conrad and new daughter in the hospital in Gulfport on Friday night.

T. L. Murphy went to Chicago Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Havens of Jackson and Sgt. and Mrs. Harvey Hines of Keesler visited Mrs. Margaret Havens Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tanner and Will Tanner visited Mr. and Mrs. Lige O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Neal and family in Gulfport Sunday.

The girls of the home making department under the supervision of Mrs. Paula Murphy went to Gulf Shores for an outing, leaving school Friday evening and returning Saturday afternoon. There were 39 girls, four mothers, Mrs. Olin Davis, Mrs. Tom Mallette, Mrs. Clyde Parrish and Mrs. Elroy Walker. Also going

Oscar Thomas, Bilbo Tootle and J. D. Ramex. Cake and punch were served.

The Vancleave Methodist Church services Sunday were by the Rev. James Willoughby who chose as his subjects at the morning service, "Christ's Love for the Church," and that night "Redeeming the Time."

The WSCS met at the church Thursday afternoon for their regular meeting. The president opened the meeting, and Mrs. N. W. Ramsay gave the devotional. This was followed by the lesson and study. Mrs. Fannie Mallette taught the study from Methodism in Alaska and Hawaii. There were nine members present and one visitor, Mrs. C. L. Williams.

The election of officers followed: president, Mrs. Ray Havens; vice president, Mrs. Ethel Cole; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Clara Etta Cunningham; spiritual life, Mrs. Etta Ramsay; local church activity, Mrs. Andrew Campbell; missionary education, Mrs. Fannie Mallette; Christian social relations, Mrs. Bertha Roberts and Mrs. Lydia Brooks.

was another member of the faculty, John Bullock.

Mrs. Dan Holden and Mrs. Wallene Lyons visited in Biloxi Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Capers were Saturday visitors to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. C. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mallette visited her mother, Mrs. Ted Etherton in Biloxi Sunday afternoon.

If West Virginia's jagged border lines were pulled into a straight line, it would equal the distance from New York City to Tulsa, Okla.

Olga is the Teutonic name for a 'holy woman'

## TERMITES?

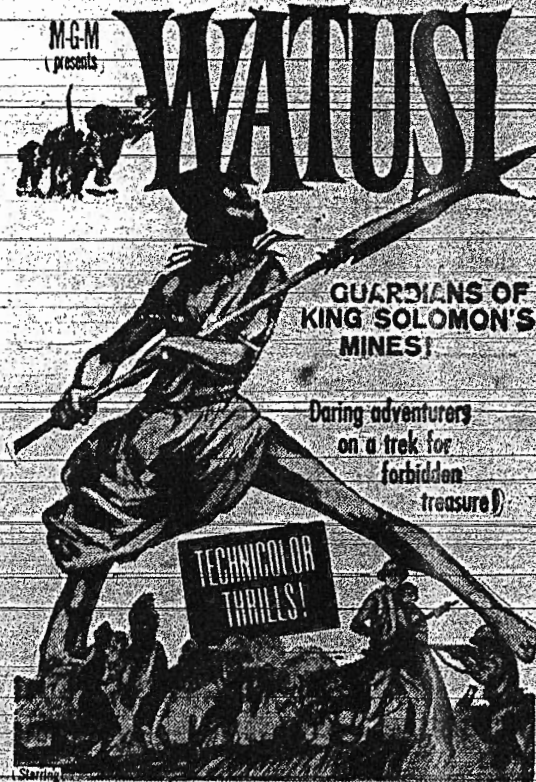
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Pictured is Dwight Evans, recognition chairman, presenting the "Volunteer of the Year" award to Arl O'Neal and Ron Cox.

## "Friends of the Forest" receives award

The "Friends of the Forest" volunteer group received the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Nature Conservancy's Mississippi Chapter Banquet.

Local residents Arl and Carolyn O'Neal, Ron and Liz Cox and Mary Lois Bond were all in attendance at the banquet to receive the award. O'Neal spoke to the audience on behalf of the Hy-Niall Society, Friends of the Forest and others.

The Friends of the Forest was formed when local citizens heard that the University of Mississippi Forest Lands might be leased to a timber company for clear cutting.

### LAND MANAGEMENT

## Cochran seeks environmental pact in forest sale

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON — U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., wants to make sure the buyer of a forest in South Mississippi maintains the land's regional biological significance.

Cochran, writing to the state's U.S. Forest Service supervisor, en-

couraged the agency to work out an agreement on land-management guidelines for the forest.

The 23,000-acre forest would be purchased from the University of Mississippi.

At least two other groups, Friends of the Forest and The Nature Conservancy, have also pushed for such an agreement.

As of last week, the Forest Service and the two groups pledged to draft a "memorandum of understanding" within 30 days. A representative of the Mississippi Federal Timber Council, a group supporting timber harvesting on national forests, also attended a meeting on the agreement.

In his letter, Cochran said he hopes

the agreement would address the forest's biological value as well as timber harvesting, public hunting rights and scientific research opportunities, among other things.

Cochran helped secure \$15 million from Congress for the Ole Miss forest sale to date. Appraisals by Ole Miss valued the forest at more than \$40 million.

The map shows a residential block with the following lot details:

- Top Row:**
  - LOT 10: U.S. GOVERNMENT, VAL ORES, C., T. PARKER
  - LOT 11: GULF LUMBER COMPANY ET. AL., U.S. GOV'T, I. P. C., ANDRE PICARD
  - LOT 12: U.S. GOVERNMENT, J. J. COOPER, I. P. C., J. J. COOPER
  - LOT 13: J. J. COOPER, C. M. COOPER, BESSIE MERLE PEACOCK, J. J. COOPER, IONA COOPER, CHARLES COOPER, U.S. GOVERNMENT
- Bottom Row:**
  - LOT 14: U.S. GOVERNMENT, ROY C. DYESS, IRENE McMURPHY HAWK, ANDREW PICARD (with handwritten note "Paul Andre B. Mrs. McDonald")
  - LOT 15: U.S. GOVERNMENT, C. CAN, NNER, LIM
  - LOT 16: U.S. GOVERNMENT, STAR CHEVROLET, BOY SCOUTS AMERICA, ARTHUR (with handwritten note "ARK OWEND 60670"), GLENIS

Handwritten annotations include:

- "Dickens" (written vertically on the left side)
- "Alam Station 2" (written diagonally across the center)
- "ARK OWEND 60670" (written vertically on the right side)
- "Paul Andre B. Mrs. McDonald" (written near Lot 14)
- Circled numbers 1 through 15
- Circled letters C, 2, 3, 7

The map above might be as close as we'll ever come, but we won't lose hope. We'll keep trying! On the map of the southeastern United States, the #14 should be the same as #1 on the above, meaning the first generation of our O'Neal family to have a home in Mississippi territory. The lake shown just above the #1 is known now as "Lang Lake", but was not named during the existence of Tara. The graves of Arthur, Hannah, and Hark are lost. There is some legend that says they were washed away by the change in the course of the creek. Several others of the Dickey family may also have been affected by that event.

The #2 in section 12 is where the James O'Neal home was, and the nearby "C" is the cemetery where he and Thane were buried, originating a well-kept cemetery. Their daughter, Almeda, who married James Cooper, was heir to her father's plantation. It is believed that the land upon which William and James each settled and raised their families, was either Arthur O'Neal land or George Dickey, Sr., land, or a combination thereof.

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O'NEAL

John (Shane) O'Neal (merchant) b. 1728 Ireland; to 1768 SC ship "Dungannon"; r/o Georgetown to Darlington, SC.  
m. Margaret ---  
1

1. Jane b. 1753      2. Alice b. 1756      3. Margaret b. 1763      4. Arthur b. 1765

Arthur b. 1765, R.S. & Indian trader; to Huntsville, AL; to Perry Co., MS by 1817.  
m. Hannah, sis/o Col. Lemuel Benton  
1

1. James b. 1800 TN      2. William b. 1801 SC

James Benton O'Neal b. 1800 TN  
m. Thaney Dicky  
1

1. G.B. DeKalb b. 1824      2. James A. b. 1825      3. Thana M. b. 1830  
m. Rebecca King      m. Louise Alexander      m. Claiborne Bond  
4. Almedia b. 1832      5. Methaldrage b. 1836      6. Nancy b. 1838  
m. James Cooper      m. Eliz. Walker      m. Amariah Cochran  
7. Major b. 1843      8. Elijah J. b. 1845 (r/o Harrison Co., MS)  
m. Eliz. Nixon      m. Mary M. Fairley

William O'Neal b. 1803 SC  
m. Susannah Jane Dicky  
1

1. Eliz. J. b. 1820      2. George b. 1822      3. William b. 1826  
m. John Bond      m. Mary ---      m. Josephine Graham  
4. Col. Lemuel b. 1830      5. Nancy b. 1832      6. Andrew J. b. 1835  
(died Civil War)      m. Nathaniel Bond      (died Civil War)  
7. Susannah b. 1839      8. Elijah W. b. 1842  
m. Wesley Spikes      m. Mary A. Rouse (r/o Jackson Co., MS)

Robert Dickey b. 1737 Ire., to 1768 SC; ship "Chichester".  
m. Susannah ---  
1

1. William b. 1761      2. James b. 1762      3. Eliz. b. 1764  
4. Jane b. 1765      (Ref: Ship passenger list. Also, Jane Dickey b. 1710 & Hector Dickey b. 1745.)

Robert & Susannah were the grandparents of sisters Thaney & Susannah Dickey who married James & William O'Neal.

Hugh O'Neal, Eng. Seaman, jumped-ship 1730 Delaware River.  
m. Annie Cox  
1

1. William      2. James (r/o VA)      3. Hugh (d. SC)  
m. Mary Frost  
4. Henry (to FL)      5. John (Tory-d. RW)      6. Thomas  
m. Grace Frost (sis/o Mary)  
7. George (to KY)      (after Hugh's death, the family moved to  
b. posthumous      Winchester, VA; then to 1766 Laurens, SC)

Ref: Private edition of the O'Neal family history  
by: Vivian Davis Bornemann of Wiggins, MS 1980  
Located in the Gen. Section of the Pascagoula City Library

Ref: Personal family record written  
by: Judge John Belton O'Neill, son of  
Hugh & Ann (Kelly) O'Neal.

Ref. to: Irish Pedigrees Vol. I & II  
by: John O'Hart (Gen. Publishing Co.)  
for Irish family background

William, s/o Hugh & Annie (Cox) O'Neal  
m. Mary Frost  
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1. Abijah (to OH)      2. Sarah (to KY)      3. William (d. SC)  
m. Elisha Ford  
4. Henry (to IN)  
5. Thomas (to IN)  
6. John (to IN)  
7. Hugh b. 1767 Newberry Co., SC  
m. Ann, d/o Samuel & Hannah (Benton) (Hugh-desc. from Kelly-from Queen's, O'Neal's of Antrim, Co., Ire. to SC. Ireland.)

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FROM THE COMPILER

Over sixty years ago, this writer had the pleasure of reading JOHN O'HART'S "IRISH PEDIGREES", Volumes One and Two. The 5th Edition of this work was published in Dublin, Ireland, in 1892. In 1976, it was Re-Printed by The Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 111 Water St., of Baltimore, Maryland, (21202). I hastened to purchase these books for my personal Library. There are several hundred O'NEAL Descendents in this area who should purchase this work for their Home Library, while it is still available. These two volumes contain massive Research, by one of the world's greatest Scholars. Over the years as you study these books, you will begin to understand how your O'NEAL Ancestry is connected with the History Of The World! You should see that your children know about their O'NEAL blood-line. I feel sure it will make them all "try-a-little-harder".

I arranged this little Booklet as a gift for my Uncle Noll Davis of Wiggins, Miss., who is now deceased. Noll's first wife was JULIA O'NEAL. They had two children. Julia is the daughter of MARY (BRELAND) and JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL. I have been persuaded to make a few extra copies of this, for circulation in the Wiggins, Miss. area.

It is hoped that your interest will be stimulated so that a group of energetic O'NEAL Descendents will lose no time in forming their "HY-NIALH HISTORICAL SOCIETY", who will present for distribution, at least, one Report per year. If you will organize, and "start-moving", it will be my pleasure to assist and advise you, with your Second Report, altho there are many Scholars among you, and you dont need my help. I have much material which Volunteer Contributors may wish to use in preparing Articles for your Second Report of "HY-NIALH", (under your own name.)

Using the O'NEAL FAMILY CHARTS which I present herein, your HY-NIALH Reports, should eventually list several thousand Descendents, as well as present Biographies of your selected "Old-Timers", which you know about, their photos, etc. Using O-HART'S Books, you can present all of his nine Pedigree Charts, on the O'NEAL Family. Only one of his Charts is presented herein on the O'NEAL'S.

It was never intended that your Family History should die. The Bible has recorded much of your History. Beginning in a remote period, the most learned Historiographers of The World have continued to record it down thru the Centuries. Mr. O'HART was engaged in a life-time of Research on their findings, and wrote his wonderful books

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for you to enjoy. Mr. O'HART'S ancestry stems from the same line as The O'Neal's, until his line branched-off from the line of The O'Neal's. Your continuing effort with your Family History, is a debt which you owe to PEGGY and JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, who came from IRELAND, in 1768, to South Carolina in America, and to their son ARTHUR O'NEAL who settled in PERRY CO., MISSISSIPPI, to Head your Mississippi Tribe Of HY-NIALLIANS. It is unlikely that the O'NEAL Descendents will die-out in this area. The Descendents of many pioneer families have chosen to remain in the environs of their Stone Co. forefathers.

Before I retired to Wiggins four years ago, I had sponsored such ENCLYCLOPEDIA-REPORTS on various families in Louisiana. The result has been rewarding. This is an excellent means to keep your Research alive. It is an opportunity to pool the results of everyone's findings, so that all may know what progress has been made, and to correct any errors which have inadvertently crept-in.

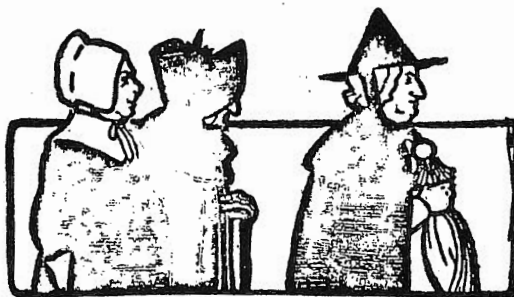
There are at least fifty beloved-old-families who were pioneer-settlers in these environs over 150 years ago, who have Descendents still living here. Their ENCLYCLOPEDIA REPORTS would not be "HY-NIAL", BUT THEIR HISTORY IS JUST AS GLAMOROUS and exciting, if you know the facts. I would be very happy to see such Family Projects on all these loveable-old-people, set-in-motion in Stone County, Miss.

I shall anxiously await the receipt of my copy of "HY-NIAL" - SECOND REPORT - 1980.

Sincerely Yours,

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THESE O'NEAL'S -  
THEY PLOWED A  
STRAIGHT FURROW!

# PART ONE

RECORDS OF  
THE O'NEAL FAMILY  
FROM IRELAND  
TO SOUTH CAROLINA, 1768  
and  
FROM SOUTH CAROLINA  
TO PERRY CO., MISS., by 1820.

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JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL

and wife

MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL

and their son

ARTHUR O'NEAL

and his wife

HANNAH (BENTON) O'NEAL

FROM IRELAND TO SOUTH CAROLINA - 1768

JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL was born 1728 in IRELAND. His wife MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL was born 1733 in IRELAND. On date of 15 Feb 1768, they arrived in SOUTH CAROLINA in America, on the Ship "DUNGANNON", which embarked at BELFAST, in COUNTY ANTRIM, IRELAND. They were accompanied by three daughters, JANE, born 1753, ALICE, born 1756, and MARGARET (PEGGY) JUNIOR, born 1763, and young ARTHUR O'NEAL, aged three, (born 1765). Their Immigration Record shows that they were "of the Protestant Faith, and in good-standing".

On the same date of their arrival, there arrived JOHN and JANE O'NEAL, who were listed separate from the foregoing, ages not stated, and their Land Grants were on land "set-aside for The Irish". Perhaps he was a JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL JUNIOR. The land set-aside for the Irish Immigrants was in the Townships of QUEENSBORO, and BELFAST. On an Old S.C. Map, there appears the name "BELFAST", in the vicinity of NEWBERRY CO., S.C.

On date of 5 Jan 1768, there arrived as Immigrants from IRELAND to S.C., the DICKY Family. Two daughters of a later generation, married two sons of ARTHUR O'NEAL, (born 1765 in Ireland). THANA DICKY married JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801, and SUSANNAH DICKY married WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803. Susannah Dicky was the name of their Immigrant Grandmother. Arriving with The Dickey Family was LADY JANE DICKY, born in IRELAND, 1710. It is rather sweet that these two sons of ARTHUR O'NEAL, chose

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to perpetuate the name of LADY JANE, and LADY SUSANNAH among their Descendents. Susannah and Thana Dickey's Family came-over from South Carolina, to the area of Perry-Greene Counties, Miss. Their home was not far distant from "TARA", the home of ARTHUR and HANNAH O'NEAL.

JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL came to South Carolina, a middle-aged, energetic, educated man, with good business-experience, and substantially well-off financially. The DICKEY Family were people on an equal-footing.

In 1768, SHANE and PEGGY O'NEAL spent a short while in Charleston, S.C. on arrival in America, but they first set-up living-quarters in S.C. at GEORGETOWN, where they had friends who had preceded them from Ireland to S.C. GEORGETOWN was very early settled by an aristocracy equal to any in the civilized world. JOHN O'NEAL had soon set-up Trade-Connections between Ireland, and a chain of leading American Traders, such as THE MCINTOSH'S of Georgetown, and THE STROTHER'S of CHARLESTON, in S.C. There were Ware-houses in both towns for the storage of their imported-exported wares for American Trade. Comfortable wings, or dormitories had been built-on, for the accommodation of Traders, their families, friends and immigrants - a sort-of hotel. As ships came in from Ireland, JOHN was having fine pieces of furniture and personal items brought-in, a few at a time, looking towards making Peggy and their children comfortable. Among such items was Peggy's old "Gold Irish Harp", which eventually found a resting-place at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss., about 1818.

It soon developed that JOHN went from GEORGETOWN up The Great Pee-Dee River, where he established a Mercantile-business at present DARLINGTON. Here again there was a dormitory-wing built-on, where JOHN could entertain PEGGY and their children when they chose to be there.

When this family arrived in South Carolina, they became eligible "for free Bounty-Land set-aside for the Irish in Belfast Township". Some of The Irish first congregated around CAMDEN, but family-by-family they moved to the NEWBERRY CO. area where they probably felt more at home in "Belfast Township". Here JOHN eventually built an elegant home (for-the-times), and moved their better personal belongings here, where, it is said, "three generations of their family lived under the sacred old roof". Here their plantation was not far distant from the residence of friends who lived on Broad River, at a place designated on a modern Map as "STROTHER".

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From this place a branch of the O'NEAL Trade-Route, leading into northwest South Carolina, into The Cherokee Nation, was recorded in History as part of "O'NEAL'S PATH". John O'Neal had placed a Cherokee Indian to work in his store at Darlington, to teach his young son ARTHUR the Cherokee language. By the time Arthur's "beard-was-sprouting", he and his Indian companion were heading long trains of supplies sent by Arthur's father for distribution among the Cherokees. Arthur's pet-name was "Barney". The Cherokees liked an "L" in their names, and ARTHUR became "CHIEF BLARNEY" to them. This amused Arthur. He never tried to correct it. The part of his father's trade which Arthur liked best, was when The McIntosh's and Arthur's father imported a boat-load of African Slaves. This meant "big-doings" at Georgetown and Charleston, until homes were found for these Black Adventurers. Arthur's father purchased one of these men for him, which he called "HARK". He was the son of an African Chief, lived to be 100 years old, and died at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss.

When JOHN O'NEAL came to South Carolina in 1768, it seemed almost certain that the American Colonies would sooner or later rebel against England. He had been here about seven years, when street-fighting actually broke-out in the Northern Colonies. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. Three of JOHN'S IRISH FRIENDS were Signers - HART, PAINE and McKANE.

France had agreed to assist America in her campaign against the British, and GENERAL LAFAYETTE was coming to America to lend his knowledge and experience. He was accompanied by another Military expert, GENERAL BARON JOHANN DEKALB of Germany. In 1777 their Vessel entered American waters. They had intended to land at Charleston, but being cautious lest Charleston had fallen into English hands, they first anchored at an island near Georgetown. Arthur was then at his father's warehouse in Georgetown, and the adventurous youth was soon aboard their vessel. They recognized him as an intelligent lad, mature far beyond his years.

LAFAYETTE invited ARTHUR to accompany them on their trip to Charleston. It was on this trip that ARTHUR and GENERAL DEKALB struck-up a friendship which lasted until Dekalb received mortal wounds in the Battle of Camden in 1780. LAFAYETTE had then returned to France to solicit badly needed financial aid for America. CAPTAIN FRANCIS HATTEN, a native of Norfolk

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County, Virginia, then living in South Carolina, also went along to solicit aid to buy clothing and uniforms, for the American soldiers. Capt. HATTEN after the War, settled in Georgia. Mention is made of this, due to the fact that in Mississippi, there have been frequent marriages between the O'NEAL-HATTEN Families.

ARTHUR O'NEAL was not of the right age, to enlist as a soldier in the Revolution, but he was a valuable scout for GENERAL DEKALB, as well as for COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON. He knew every cow-path, Indian-trail, creek, swamp and settlement in South Carolina. He was used as a scout among the Cherokees, to see if they were allies of England, or of the American Colonies. The day GENERAL DEKALB died, he had received intelligence from ARTHUR in regard to trouble which the TORIES were creating among some Cherokees.

COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON of DARLINGTON once placed ARTHUR to guard some prisoners-of-war at The Bull-Pen near KOLB'S Ferry. The Kolb's were kin to the Benton's. A squad of deserters, (captured Tories) were put in the Pen. Their Tory-leader escaped and Arthur rode after him and soon brought-him-in. He looked to ARTHUR like one of the relatives of the Newberry Co. O'NEAL'S, who lived in Union Co., S.C., whom Arthur knew had turned-Tory. Colonel Benton ordered Arthur "to make an example of him - hang him immediately on-the-spot". The shocked youth fumbled around, swallowed hard, and with the help of a kindly old man, proceeded with his grissly task. THIS MADE ARTHUR SICK. Capt. John McIntosh and General Dekalb appeared on the scene, and assured him the victim was not the person he thought he was. Dekalb consoled the pale, trembling 15-yr.-old youth with all the consideration of a father, until the shock-of-his-deed had passed. In regard to this incident, Arthur's son JAMES said of his father - "That day our father became a Man!". After DEKALB'S death, they gave his silver German sabre to Arthur. He had it at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss. When Arthur's oldest son JAMES had a son born in 1824, James named this son the full name of GENERAL BARON JOHANN DEKALB. James O'Neal had a brother WILLIAM, born 1803, who named a son COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON.

JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, the Immigrant to S.C., was not engaged in active Military duty in the American Revolution, but his proven Descendents should be eligible to belong to THE DAUGHTER'S AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. This would be on his record for furnishing Commissary-Supplies for The Detachment of Colonel Lemuel

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Benton, Commander Of The American Forces on The Pee-Dee River in South Carolina. Colonel Lemuel Benton served under General Marion. (REFERENCE: GREGG'S "HISTORY OF THE OLD CHERAWS", page 411.) This particular record is dated 1782. No doubt JOHN O'NEAL furnished Supplies to many other sources thruout the War Years, for goods and supplies came into his Commissary over trade-routes from all over the American Colonies. His record of furnishing supplies to the American Army during the Revolution is all that is needed for eligibility to membership in the Daughters and Sons Of The American Revolution. THIS COULD BE DEVELOPED IN YOUR NEXT REPORT OF "HY-NIALL". This 1979 Report of "Hy-Niall" could be filed at DAR Headquarters (permanently). A person wishing to join, in filling-out his papers, could attach a Zerox-copy of The Bible Record of JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801, or WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803, (which see, herein), then a copy of their extended Charts, which follows their Bible Records (see, herein), would accompany the papers which they fill-out, listing their personal family line, and all of this could be accomplished with little effort. With the high prices existing today, an applicant would pay a tidy sum to hire a professional to complete their papers. A good name for such a Chapter of the DAR-SAR, would be "THE HY-NIALL CHAPTER", and there are enough of the O'NEAL Descendents in this Area, to swing-it.

In 1783, when ARTHUR O'NEAL was about age 18, he went into the Cherokee Nation, and there established a Mercantile-store in his own name, first at Ross's Landing in Tenn. and later at a Place North of (present) Huntsville, Alabama. As time passed, he visited S.C. less often. Eventually his only trips there was to attend to his trading activities. He adopted fringed buck-skin clothing, and looked tantalizingly handsome in such attire.

This caused his family much concern. His mother prayed that there would be no Indian romance. If there was such an alliance, it remains Arthur's well-kept secret. His family was constantly poking-around in his private life, but the report always came-back "..... Arthur is working very hard, making-money; his leisure hours find him occupied with hunting and fishing, cock-fights and horse-racing".

About 1800, on one of his rare visits to South Carolina, he proposed marriage to his child-hood sweetheart, Miss HANNAH BENTON of Darlington, sister of Col. Lemuel Benton. He persuaded her to go live with him at his

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home in the Indian Nation, north of present Huntsville, Alabama. She agreed, but busied herself with organizing a Settlement consisting of some friends and relatives, to go there also. Arthur was "noising-it-around" too, about all this free land, no boss, no Government, etc. Before cold weather set-in, this little intimate group had made their Settlement. Arthur was "their Monarch", and Hannah was "his Queen", Hannah did not well-adjust to the lack of her S.C. comforts. She was soon "with child". As her Blessed-Event progressed it was decided that she would go to a place in Tennessee called "STROTHER'S MEETING PLACE" where Hannah and Arthur had old and close friends. She was accompanied on this trip by their trusted old friend ANDREW JACKSON, later the President of the United States. On this journey they passed the place in Tenn., where Jackson intended to build "THE HERMITAGE". It was not far to the East, near present GALLATIN, where JAMES O'NEAL was born in 1801.

When James was two months old, Hannah made it known that she wished to return to South Carolina. And Hannah did return to South Carolina. Arthur sold his business at Huntsville to one of the McIntosh's, and he followed Hannah to South Carolina. But he was soon trading again and absent from home much of the time. In 1803, their son WILLIAM was born in Laurens Co., S.C. and Arthur did not see him until he was three months old. Arthur had branched-out into "new-fields-to-conquer", and his trade-routes soon included S.C., Ga., (present) Miss. Ala. and Fla. He learned to speak the Creek and Choctaw language, and some say he could even converse with the Seminoles. HE TURNED-ON ALL HIS CHARM, AND PERSUADED HANNAH TO GO LIVE WITH HIM IN THE CREEK NATION! Here they had an exciting life, and Arthur was at-home much of the time. They settled near present Talladega, Ala., where their old friend ALEXANDER MCINTOSH had also settled, and they had a nice social life here.

When the fury of the War of 1812 cut-loose, Arthur O'Neal and Alexander McIntosh were operating a Supply-Storage-Depot for the use of General Andrew Jackson's American Army, located about 20 miles from Talladega. In 1813, JACKSON ordered that a FORT be built here, which they named "FORT STROTHER". Arthur sent his family to live with The Dickey Family in Green Co., Miss. AND JUST IN TIME! Arthur witnessed here near FORT STROTHER, the slaughter of thousands of Creek Indians, many of them his friends, with whom he had enjoyed a lucrative trade. A mis-guided element among these Indians began slaughtering whole families of newly-arrived American Settlers, and when they

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fiendishly murdered JESSE LOTT, AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY, General Jackson was ordered to make safe, and secure the way for American Immigration. THIS HE DID - QUITE THOROUGHLY!

In 1817, ARTHUR and HANNAH O'NEAL, and their two sons, were living at TARA, in Southern Perry Co., Miss., a place Arthur had prepared where his Family COULD BE TOGETHER FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES! Arthur promised Hannah that he would never go on another TRADING EXPEDITION. He kept his word. Two sons of this marriage, married DICKEY sisters. JAMES BENTON O'NEAL married THANA DICKEY, and WILLIAM O'NEAL married SUSANNA DICKEY. By 1979, there are hundreds of Descendents of the name of O'NEAL, living in South Mississippi. After Arthur and Hannah had died, there was still a room full of IRISH LINENS and IRISH LACES, made in BELFAST, WHICH ARE ENJOYED 150 YEARS LATER, by some of their Descendents.

This writer is no blood-kin to the O'NEAL'S, but is one who is familiar with their behavior, and triumphs, and their treatment of their fellow-man since their Ancestors migrated over 150 years ago to this area, and is a Witness to the fact that they so-lived as to be able to marry into families of the finest and first RESPECTABILITY! Arthur O'Neal probably has more Descendents in Stone Co., Miss., who bear a family-name which is not O'NEAL, than he has Descendents "born-an-O'NEAL." These words from the lips of ARTHUR O'NEAL still live today ..... "THE O'NEAL'S NEVER QUIT TRYING!" This Family bears a dignity which comes from Centuries of Good Breeding. There is a virtual TRIBE of kinsmen in this southern area. They are proud people, in a quiet way.

Arthur and Hannah's home at "TARA" no longer exists. They were buried there in that hallowed ground over a Century and a half ago. They have planted themselves into the hearts of their Descendents so deeply that there they will have their Habitation as long as man shall dwell upon the Earth! The day ARTHUR was buried, as they mounded-up the Earth over his grave, Hannah gently pushed the shovel aside, knelt on the ground, and with her own hands, patted his grave until it was a smooth mound. THEN SHE WENT HOME. ATE SUPPER. WENT TO BED. WENT TO SLEEP AND QUIETLY JOINED ARTHUR IN HEAVEN! Next morning the cocks were crowing, but Hannah did not appear on schedule. JAMES and WILLIAM went to see about her. As they opened the door to her bedroom, THE SMILE ON THEIR MOTHER'S FACE was something neither of them ever forgot!.

REFERENCES - For the foregoing seven pages:

When NETTIE BOND SIMPSON knew that she had terminal cancer, and knowing of this writer's interest in Genealogy, she boxed-up and sent to me all of her Historical findings, over the years. There were numerous records of Interviews with CRABB BRELAND, Columnist for the Old Stone Co. Enterprise in Wiggins, at the Beginning of this Century. Nettie sought information and took notes from dozens and dozens of Old-Timers. The most valuable notes apparently came from the mouth of ELIZABETH O'NEAL, 2nd wife of JOHN BOND (b. 1819), to her daughter BASHABA, who was interviewed by both Crabb and Nettie, shortly before BASHABA died, (interviews dated 1910). All of these notes were typed, then arranged in sequence, and compared with, and tested with all the information in all the Books which I have Referenced at the end of PART ONE of this Booklet. From this Source, the preceding 7 pages came into being. I know how Judge John Belton O'Neill of S.C., felt when he stated in his writing ..... "and now it falls my painful duty to trace my own family from Va. to S.C., thru several generations, AND I HOPE I GET IT RIGHT!" CYRIL CAIN in his Pascagoula Books, referred to one of Uncle Remus' Stories when he stated .....

"I am ginnin it to you,  
Like it was gun to me!"

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**SOUTH CAROLINA 1800**



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THE MIGRATION OF THE O'NEAL'S

From Ireland To South Carolina

1763-1773

AND SOME OF THEIR KINSMEN

In order to attract Settlers to the Province of South Carolina, an attractive Bounty was offered by the Governor, to those who would adventure forth. Transportation from their foreign Port Of Embarkation was offered. Each adult would be furnished supplies to sustain families on their land, for a period, at first, such as tools, bushels of corn, steers, chickens, and some few pounds of money, etc.

These Immigrants, on arrival, were requested to present to the Governor, testimony that they were Protestants in good standing, etc., whereupon they would receive their Bounty. This Act, passed in South Carolina, 25 July 1761, did attract families of most excellent standing, and numerous of their Descendents soon became Leaders in South Carolina, just as their fore-father's had enjoyed prestige from whence they came. The lands allotted to them was located in the old large area of Craven County, in the Townships of Belfast, and Boonesborough, with "Belfast" being created to attract the Irish.

During this period of ten years, 1763-1773, Immigrants of the name O'NEAL, and some family connections by other names, are listed in the following:

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Province Of South Carolina

13 Feb 1768

Arrived on the Brig "Dungannon"

Robert Montgomery, Master,  
Embarked at Belfast, Ireland.

|                         |             |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| John (Shane) O'Neal     | .....age 40 | (born 1728) |
| Margaret (Peggy) O'Neal | ....age 35  | (born 1733) |
| Jane O'Neal             | .....age 15 | (born 1753) |
| Alice O'Neal            | .....age 12 | (born 1756) |
| Margaret (Peggy) O'Neal | ....age 5   | (born 1763) |
| Arthur O'Neal           | .....age 3  | (born 1765) |

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JOHN O'NEAL presented Testimonials that they "were Protestants of Good Standing, lately arrived in the Province of South Carolina". Their Bounty was approved by the Council, and their land was to be located in CRAVEN CO., which included Belfast and Boonesborough Townships. (In the Irish language, "JOHN" is "SHANE"). There were many "Shane O'Neal's" in IRELAND, and some of them lived in "Shane's Castle". This Castle was located in the Barony Of DUNGANNON, and is the source of the name "DUNGANNON", which vessel transported JOHN O'NEAL'S family to South Carolina.

On the same date as the foregoing, 13 Feb 1768, Immigrants received their Bounty, (ages not stated), as follows:

John O'Neal ..... 100 acres in CRAVEN CO.  
Jane O'Neal ..... 100 acres in CRAVEN CO.

About a year prior to the foregoing, on date of 28 May 1767, there is this Notation:

Daniel O'Neal ..... Awarded 100 Acres of  
Bounty land located in  
Belfast or Boones-borough  
Township.

Since two of the sons of "Arthur O'Neal", (born before 1775, according to the 1820 Census of Perry Co., Miss), married two "Dickey" sisters, SUSANNA and THANA, and who are fore-parents of numerous "O'Neal's" in South Mississippi, and in other places, the following is presented:

Meeting Of The Council 5 Jan 1768  
Immigrants on the Brig. "Chichester"  
From Belfast, Ireland, Wm. Reed, Master.

Robert Dickey ..... age 31 (b. 1737)  
Susannah Dickey ... age 33 (b. 1735)  
William Dickey .... age 7 (b. 1761)  
James Dickey ..... age 6 (b. 1762)  
Elizabeth Dickey .. age 4 (b. 1764)  
Jane Dickey ..... age 3 (b. 1765)  
Hector Dickey ..... age 23 (b. 1745)  
Jane Dickey ..... age 58 (b. 1710)  
(Robert Dickey received 330 acres of Bounty  
Land, and Hector Dickey received 100 acres,  
both located in CRAVEN COUNTY.)

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1820 FEDERAL CENSUS of PERRY CO., MISSISSIPPI

ARTHUR O'NEAL

- 1 male over 45, or born 1775 or before. (This is ARTHUR, born 1765.)
- 1 female over 45, or born 1775 or before. (This is HANNAH, born 1767.)
- 1 male 16 to 26, or born 1794 to 1804. (This is son JAMES, born 1801.)
- 1 male 16-18, or born 1802-1804. (This is son WILLIAM, born 1803).
- 1 female 16 to 26, or born 1794 to 1804. (This is WILLIAM's wife SUSANNA. WILLIAM at age 17 or 18, married 15 year old SUSANNA. Their first child was born in the middle of November, after this 1820 Census was taken. She was ELIZABETH JANE O'NEAL, wife of JOHN BOND.

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1830 FEDERAL CENSUS of JACKSON CO., MISSISSIPPI

JAMES O'NEAL

- 1 male 20-40, or born 1790-1810.
- 1 female 20-40, or born 1790-1810
- 2 males under 10, or born 1820-1830.
- 2 females under 10, or born 1820-1830.

WILLIAM O'NEAL

- 1 male 20-40, or born 1790-1810
- 1 female 20-40, or born 1790-1810
- 3 males under 10, or born 1820-1830
- 2 females under 10, or born 1820-1830.

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The Families of JAMES and WILLIAM O'NEAL are listed on the 1840 Census, in JACKSON CO., MISS., but the next year their home was cut-off in HARRISON CO.

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Up to the year 1850, the Census only named the Head of the family, and the others were enumerated by sex and approximated ages. In 1850, the entire family was listed by name, age, and place of birth.

HARRISON CO., MISS. was formed in 1841. Some of JACKSON CO., MISS. was used to form HARRISON CO. Thus, we find the Families of JAMES and his brother WILLIAM O'NEAL listed in HARRISON COUNTY, on the 1850 Census, which see, herein.

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1850 FEDERAL CENSUS OF HARRISON CO., MISSISSIPPI

O'NIEL, WILLIAM, age 49, born in S.C., (1801)  
" SUSANNA, age 45, born in Miss., (1805)  
" William, age 22, born in Miss., (1828)  
" Lemuel, age 20, born in Miss., (1830)  
" Nancy, age 15, born in Miss., (1835)  
" Jackson, age 15, born in Miss., (1835)  
" Aletha, age 11, born in Miss., (1839)  
" Ely, age 8, born in Miss., (1842)  
(Household No. 646)

O'NIEL, DEKALB, age 26, born in Miss., (1824)  
" REBECCA, age 24, born in La., (1826)  
" Louise, age 4, born in Miss., (1846)  
(Household No. 647)

O'NIEL, JAMES, age 50, born in TENN., (1800)  
" THANA, age 44, born in Miss., (1806)  
" J. A. age 25, born in Miss., (1825)  
" Malissa, age 21, born in Miss., (1829)  
" Almedia, age 18, born in Miss., (1832)  
" Metheldrage, 14, born in Miss., (1836)  
" Nancy, age 12, born in Miss., (1838)  
" Major, age 6, born in Miss., (1844)  
" Elijah, age 4, born in Miss., (1846)  
(Household No. 649)

O'NIEL, GEORGE, age 28, born in Miss., (1822)  
" MARY, age 24, born in Miss., (1826)  
(Household No. 650)

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In 1849, IRELAND had a disastrous POTATOE-FAMINE. A blight resulted in wide-spread disease and famine. At almost every port in America, the 1850 Census, shows hundreds who were "born in Ireland". The writer knows nothing of the Genealogy of the following, although it is interesting to note on the 1850 HARRISON CO. CENSUS, the O'NEIL'S, born in IRELAND, as follows:

ARTHUR O'NEIL, age 24, born 1826, in Ireland, Shoe-maker,  
Household No. 47, Pass Christian, Miss.  
JOHN H. O'NEIL, age 26, born 1824, in Ireland, Waiter,  
Household No. 105, Pass Christian, Miss.  
SIMON O'NEIL, age 32, born 1818, in Ireland, Laborer,  
is listed with his wife MARY, age 30,  
born 1820 in Ireland.  
Household No. 66, Pass Christian, Miss.  
FELIX O'NEIL, age 35, born 1815, in Ireland, Char-coal  
Burner.  
Household No. 436, Pass Christian, Miss.

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THE BIBLE RECORD OF JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801, in  
TENNESSEE, AND HIS WIFE THANA (DICKY) O'NEAL.

1. JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, born 1728, in IRELAND, died in South Carolina in America. He and his family migrated to S.C., in 1768. His wife was MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL, born 1733, in IRELAND. THEIR SON is NO. 2:
2. ARTHUR O'NEAL, born 1765, in IRELAND; died at "TARA" in Perry Co., Miss. His wife was HANNAH, born about 1767. Their two sons, JAMES and WILLIAM married DICKY sisters. THE SON JAMES O'NEAL IS NO. 3:
3. JAMES BENTON O'NEAL, born in Tenn. in 1801, at "Strother's Meeting Place", a few miles East of Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage. Arthur gave this son the middle-name of "BENTON", because his father JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, had charge of The Commissary for COLONEL BENTON during the Revolutionary War in S.C. and ARTHUR, a young lad helped his father round-up-supplies. JAMES married THANA DICKY; they both lived to be past sixty. They had 8 children; their home was on the boundary-line between Harrison-Jackson Co.'s of Miss. THEIR EIGHT CHILDREN FOLLOW AS NO. 4's:
4. GENERAL BARON DEKALB O'NEAL, born 1824; wife, RE-BECCA, dau. of Rebecca (King) and Rev. John Alexander,
4. JAMES ALFORD O'NEAL, born 1825; wife, LOUISE ALEXANDER, sister to Rebecca.
4. THANA MELISSA O'NEAL, born 1830; husband, CLAIBORNE BOND, son of Elisha Bond, by his wife Nancy Philadelphia Batson. Elisha was son of Colonel John Bond, born 1770, in North Carolina.
4. ALMEDIA O'NEAL, born 1832; husband, JAMES COOPER, son of Mildreth King and William Cooper.
4. METHALDRAGE O'NEAL, born 1836, married ELIZABETH WALKER.
4. NANCY O'NEAL, born 1838, married AMAZIAH COCHRAN; after Nancy's death, he married NELLIE BOND, whose mother was ANNA DICKY, sister of THANA and SUSANNA.
4. MAJOR O'NEAL, born 1843, married ELIZABETH NIXON.
4. ELIJAH J. O'NEAL, born 20 Feb 1845, died 18 June 1927, married MARY M. FAIRLY, born 26 Dec 1853, died 8 Nov 1927. This Bible Record, is in the hand-writing of this ELIJAH O'NEAL, who wrote it in the Old Bible of his parents, JAMES and THANA O'NEAL.

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THE BIBLE RECORD OF WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803, in  
South Carolina, AND HIS WIFE SUSANNA (DICKEY) O'NEAL.

1. JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, born 1728, in IRELAND, died in S.C. in America. He and his family migrated to S.C., in 1768. His wife was MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL, born 1733, in IRELAND. THEIR SON IS NO. 2:
2. ARTHUR O'NEAL, born 1765, in IRELAND; died at "TARA" in Perry Co., Miss. His wife HANNAH was born about 1767. Their two sons, JAMES and WILLIAM married DICKEY sisters. THE SON WILLIAM O'NEAL IS NO. 3:
3. WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803, in South Carolina, died 1852, in Miss. His wife SUSANNA DICKEY was born 1805, and died 1865. She was named "SUSANNA" for her Grandmother SUSANNA, born 1735, in IRELAND, wife of ROBERT DICKEY, born 1737, who immigrated to S.C., 1768. The oldest daughter of WILLIAM and SUSANNA O'NEAL, was named ELIZABETH JANE, the "Jane" being for the Great Grandmother of SUSANNA, JANE DICKEY, born 1710 in Ireland, who came to S.C. in 1768, with ROBERT DICKEY. THE CHILDREN OF SUSANNA AND WILLIAM O'NEAL, are No. 4's:
  4. ELIZABETH JANE O'NEAL, born 16 Oct 1820, died 2 Sep 1856, was the 2nd wife of JOHN BOND, born 2 Dec 1819.
  4. GEORGE O'NEAL, born 1822; wife MARY, b. Ga., 1824.
  4. WILLIAM O'NEAL, JR., born 1826, died about 1881, married 1st: JOSEPHINE GRAHAM, 4 ch.; he married 2nd: ELIZABETH FOREHAND and had children.
  4. COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON O'NEAL, died in Civil War.
  4. ✓ NANCY O'NEAL, born 1832, married NATHANIEL BOND, born 1832, died 1898.
  4. PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON O'NEAL, born 1835, died a prisoner in Civil War, at Chicago, Illinois.
  4. SUSANNA ELEETHA O'NEAL, born 1839, married WESLEY SPIKES.
  4. ELIJAH WASHINGTON O'NEAL, born 27 Nov 1842, died 31 Aug 1912, married 14 Nov 1867, MARY ANN ROUSE, b. 12 May 1845, daughter of SELETA FLURRY and WILLIAM HUDSON ROUSE. This Bible Record is in the hand-writing of this ELIJAH O'NEAL, who wrote it in the Old Bible of his parents, WILLIAM and SUSANNA O'NEAL. JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801, and his brother WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803, each named their youngest son, ELIJAH, and both WILLIAM and JAMES each had eight children.

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JAMES B. O'NEAL, born 1801, and wife, THANA (DICKEY) O'NEAL

1st Generation: JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, born 1728 in Ireland, died in S.C. in America. He and his Family migrated to S.C., in 1768. His wife was MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL, born 1733, in Ireland. THEIR SON IS NO. 2:

2nd Generation: ARTHUR O'NEAL, born 1765, in Ireland, died at "TARA" in Perry Co., Miss. His wife HANNAH, born about 1767. Their two sons, JAMES and WILLIAM married DICKEY sisters. THE SON JAMES IS NO. 3:

3rd Generation: JAMES BENTON O'NEAL, born in Tenn., in 1801, at "Strother's Meeting Place", a few miles East of Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage. Arthur gave this son the middle name of "Benton", because his father, JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, had charge of The Commissary which furnished Supplies for Colonel Lemuel Benton during the Revolutionary War, in S.C., and ARTHUR, as a young lad helped his father round-up Supplies. It is very likely that HANNAH, Arthur's wife, was HANNAH BENTON, a sister of Colonel Benton, altho only one branch of the family, recorded that this was true. JAMES BENTON O'NEAL married THANA DICKEY. They both lived to be past sixty. They had eight children, and lived near the boundary-line of Harrison-Jackson Co.'s in Miss. THEIR DESCENDENTS FOLLOW:

4. GENERAL BARON DEKALB O'NEAL, born 1824; wife, REBECCA ALEXANDER, dau. of REBECCA (KING) and REV. JOHN ALEXANDER. Rebecca was a sister of Louise Alexander, who married DEKALB'S brother, J. ALFORD O'NEAL. REBECCA and DEKALB'S children follow as No. 5's:

5. ABBIE O'NEAL, born 14 Mar 1860, died 19 Apr 1941, married in 1887, MIDDIE MELISSA BRELAND, born 6 Nov 1863, died 28 Feb 1947 Their children follow as No. 6's:

- 6. LOREN ALBERT O'NEAL, married LOU MILES.
- 6. IDA CORINE O'NEAL, married LOAMI BOND.
- 6. EUGENIA CAMMIE O'NEAL, mar. EUGENE H. BOND.
- 6. BEURISA O'NEAL, married HOMER BOND.
- 6. RODOLPH O'NEAL, married MATTIE MOORE.
- 6. EDWIN O'NEAL, married DOROTHY DONLEY.
- 6. JESSE (JACK) O'NEAL, mar. MATTIE MAE WILSON.
- 6. CURTIS (PETE) O'NEAL, mar. MARGARET CARTER.
- 6. INEZ O'NEAL, married OTTIS HATTEN.
- 6. ERMA LEE O'NEAL, married GENE MORGAN.

5. Dekalb O'neal had other children, who would be No. 5's, but their records have not been received. They are brothers and sisters of ABBIE O'NEAL. DEKALB'S BRO. J. ALFORD O'NEAL, continues as NO. 4:

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4. J. ALFORD O'NEAL, born 1825, married LOUISE ALEXANDER, sister to REBECCA, wife of DEKALB O'NEAL. THEIR CHILDREN FOLLOW AS NO. 5's:
5. JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, married MARY BRELAND, born 23 Feb 1856, dau. of JESSE BRELAND, and MARTHA ANN (LARGENT). THEIR CHILDREN FOLLOW AS NO. 6's:
6. WILL O'NEAL married ALICE ANDERSON.  
6. SARDIN O'NEAL married PEARL BROADWATER.  
6. JESSE O'NEAL.  
6. C. ERNEST O'NEAL married BROWNIE MONGER.  
6. WALDO O'NEAL married EDNA HATTEN.  
6. MONROE O'NEAL married ATSIE HATTEN.  
6. URTHEN O'NEAL died at age 2.  
6. EVERETT O'NEAL married THELMA HALL.  
6. JOHN AZAREAL O'NEAL married EDITH REA.  
6. LILLIAN O'NEAL, b. 25 June 1881, d. 26 Aug. 1949, married EUPRATES NAPOLEON MILES, b. 25 May 1874, d. 19 May 1942.  
6. JULIA O'NEAL, married NOLL DAVIS.
5. J. ALFORD O'NEAL, had other children, but their records have not been received.
4. THANA MELISSA O'NEAL, b. 1830, married CLAIBORNE BOND, b. 1824, d. 1895, son of ELISHA BOND whose wife was NANCY PHILADELPHIA BATSON. ELISHA was son of COLONEL JOHN BOND, b. 1770, in North Carolina.
4. ALMEDIA O'NEAL, b. 1832, married JAMES COOPER, b. 1830, son of MILDRED (KING) and WILLIAM COOPER.
4. METHALDRAGE (SHELL) O'NEAL, b. 1836, married ELIZABETH WALKER. THEIR CHILDREN FOLLOW AS NO. 5's:
5. ELIZABETH JANE O'NEAL, b. 1865, d. 1952, married PRENTISS B. CARTER, b. 1867, d. 1916, son of WILLIAM (BILL TONE) CARTER.  
5. SEMANTHA O'NEAL married WILLIAM HATTEN.  
5. ALMEDIA O'NEAL married DANIEL BRELAND.  
5. TOLLIE O'NEAL married NELLIE HICKMAN.  
5. SARDEN O'NEAL married MARY REDMOND.  
5. ALBERT O'NEAL married JANE JORDAN.  
5. CASA O'NEAL married LAURA TAYLOR.  
5. MARVIN O'NEAL, married ADA BOND, dau. of LAURA BELL (HERRINGTON) and ELISHA BOND.  
5. LOTTIE O'NEAL married WILLIAM PARKS.  
5. EUGENE O'NEAL married MELISSA BOND, dau. of LAZARUS BOND and his wife ANN ELIZA HERRINGTON, sister to LAURA BELL HERRINGTON, wife of MARVIN O'NEAL.
4. NANCY O'NEAL, b. 1838, married AMAZIAH COCHRAN; after her death, he married NELLIE BOND, dau. of JAMES BOND, and ANNA (DICKY), sister to SUSANNA and THANA.  
THE CHILDREN OF JAMES B. O'NEAL, follow as No. 4's on next page:

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4. MAJOR O'NEAL, b. 1845, married ELIZABETH NIXON.
4. ELIJAH J. O'NEAL, b. 20 Feb 1845, d. 18 Jan 1927,  
married MARY M. FAIRLY, b. 26 Dec 1853, d. 11 Aug 1927.  
(End of this Family Chart of JAMES O'NEAL, b. 1801)

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WILLIAM O'NEAL, born 1803, and wife SUSANNA (DICKEY) O'NEAL.

1. JOHN (SHANE) O'NEAL, b. 1728, in Ireland, d. in S.C. in America; wife, MARGARET (PEGGY) O'NEAL, b. 1733, Ireland.
2. ARTHUR O'NEAL, born 1765 in Ireland, died at "TARA" in Perry Co., Miss.; wife HANNAH BENTON O'NEAL.
3. WILLIAM O'NEAL, b. 1803, in S.C., d. in Miss., 1852. His wife SUSANNAH (DICKEY) was born 1805, d. 1865. She was named "SUSANNA", for her Grandmother "SUSANNA", born 1735, who immigrated to S.C., 1768. The oldest daughter of William and Susanna O'Neal, was named ELIZABETH JANE, the "Jane" being for the Great Grandmother of Susanna, JANE DICKEY, born 1710, in Ireland, who came to S.C. in 1768 with ROBERT DICKEY. THE CHILDREN OF SUSANNA AND WILLIAM O'NEAL, are NO. 4's:
4. GEORGE WASHINGTON O'NEAL, b. 1822, mar. MARY, b. Ga. 1824.
4. ELIZABETH JANE O'NEAL, b. 16 Oct 1820, d. 2 Sep 1856, was the 2nd wife of JOHN BOND, b. 2 Dec 1819. THEIR CHILDREN ARE NO. 5's:
  5. BASHABA BOND, n. 1847, d. 27 Oct 1917, married ABB LEWIS HATTEN, b. 30 Jan 1834, d. 4 Jan 1919.
  5. ELISHA BOND, b. 1849, mar. LAURA BELL HERRINGTON, dau. of J.M. HERRINGTON.
  5. PRESTON BOND, died single.
  5. ELIZABETH BOND, died single.
4. WILLIAM O'NEAL, b. 1828, d. ca 1881, mar. 1st: JOSEPHINE GRAHAM. THEIR CHILDREN ARE NO. 5's:
  5. J. BREWER O'NEAL, b. 1855, d. 1936, mar. MARGARET BYRD, b. 26 Apr 1865, d. 3 Nov 1955, dau. of GEORGE BYRD and his wife MARTHA (ROGERS).
  5. RAFORD O'NEAL, mar. DELILAH (?).
  5. DELILAH O'NEAL, mar. DANIEL DUBOSE.
  5. MARY O'NEAL, died single.  
(WILLIAM O'NEAL, NO. 4, had a 2nd marriage to ELIZABETH FOREHAND; their Family Record has not come-our-way.)

THE CHILDREN OF "WILLIAM and SUSANNA (DICKEY) O'NEAL" are continued on the next page, and are No. 4's .....

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THE CHILDREN OF "WILLIAM AND SUSANNA O'NEAL" NO. 3,  
are continued as NO. 4's:

4. COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON O'NEAL, b. 1820, died in the Civil War; he was named by his mother HANNAH BENTON O'NEAL, for her brother, a Revolutionary Officer in South Carolina.
4. NANCY O'NEAL, b. 1832, mar. NATHANIEL (BUCK) BOND, b. 1832, d. 1898.
4. PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON O'NEAL, b. 1835, died while a Prisoner -Of-War, near Chicago, in Civil War.
4. ELETNA O'NEAL, b. 1839, mar. WESLEY SPIKES.  
THEIR CHILDREN FOLLOW AS No. 5's:
  5. LULA SPIKES, mar. LOUIS SAUCIER, 6 Ch.
  5. PINKEY SPIKES, mar. DANIEL EVANS, 2 CH.
  5. VERNON SPIKES, mar. JERRIE BLACKWELL, 5 CH.
  5. MARVIN SPIKES, mar. JEANNE BOND, dau. of SIDNEY,
  5. GROVER SPIKES, mar. ERON ROUSE SAUCIER, 1 CH.
4. ELI WASHINGTON O'NEAL, b. 27 Nov 1842, d. 31 Aug 1912, mar. 14 Nov 1867, MARY ANN ROUSE, b. 12 May 1845, dau. of WM. HUDSON ROUSE and SELETA ANN (FLURRY).  
THEIR CHILDREN ARE No. 5's:
  5. DEMARION LEMUEL O'NEAL, b. 26 Aug 1863, d. 1952, Mar. 1st: NANCY ELIZABETH HATTEN; he Mar. 2nd: CLARA NELSON; he mar 3rd: MARGARET WOODWARD.
  5. SABRA ELETNA O'NEAL, b. 1 Oct. 1870, d. 19 May 1936, mar. BRAXON BRAGG WILLIAMS.
  5. ENOCH WASHINGTON O'NEAL, b. 9 Jan 1873, mar. 1st: LEILA PACE, Mo. of all children. He mar. 2nd: DOROTHY JOHNSON.
  5. FIDELIA SUSANNAH O'NEAL, b. 8 Nov 1874, d. 27 Dec 1942, mar. JAMES JORDAN, b. 1873, d. 13 Jan 1956.
  5. EVANGELINE SALETHA O'NEAL, b. 31 Dec 1876, d 17 Dec 1919, mar. CHARLES MILAN SMITH.
  5. SIDNEY ELI O'NEAL, b. 28 Nov 1880, mar. INEZ RAMSAY, dau. of JAMES RAMSAY.
  5. GARRETT WILLIAM O'NEAL, b. 2 Apr 1883, mar. 1st: MATTIE WELLS; he mar. 2nd: RUTH (?).
  5. ROBERTA MARY O'NEAL, b. 24 Jul 1885, d. 6 Feb 1962, mar. 27 Nov 1912, JUDSON BRUNT DOWNING, b. 16 Oct 1884.
  5. AURELIUS PERICLES O'NEAL, b. 6 Oct 1887, mar. EULA LEE WALKER, b. 13 Jan 1900.
  5. LOREN EMORY O'NEAL, b. 12 Dec 1889, d. 1956, mar. JEWELL ELVA WALKER, b. 17 Apr 1896, d. 1952.
  5. LULA LUVENIA (O'NEAL), b. 8 Apr, 1894, mar. AUGUSTUS LAMEY. She is a close relative, and is legally adopted.

(THIS IS "THE END" OF THIS FAMILY CHART RE:  
SUSANNA (DICKY) and WILLIAM O'NEAL, b. 1803.)  
See Reference top of next page.....

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REFERENCES for the foregoing pages of O'NEAL PEDIGREE CHARTS: A Collection of Bible Records and Family Data, made by the late ROBERTA O'NEAL DOWNING of Perkinston, Miss. Roberta had access to The Collections Of MRS. FLORA BOND WILSON, DR. C.E. O'NEAL, and MRS. INEZ BREELAND HOOPER. A copy of this work was printed in the late CYRIL CAIN'S "Four Centuries On The Pascagoula", pages 225-226-227, Vol. II. Much of the information was collected by the late NETTIE BOND SIMPSON of Wiggins, Miss., passed to VIVIAN DAVIS BORNEMANN, (then) of New Orleans, La., now of Wiggins, Miss., who passed it all to Roberta O'Neal Downing. Where NETTIE lacked information, ROBERTA'S CHARTS completed it, Roberta being a Great-Granddaughter of ARTHUR O'NEAL.

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"H Y - N I A L L"

The Family-Name Of "O'NEAL" had it's origin in IRELAND. "HY-NIALL" is the root of the Sir-name of "O'NEAL".

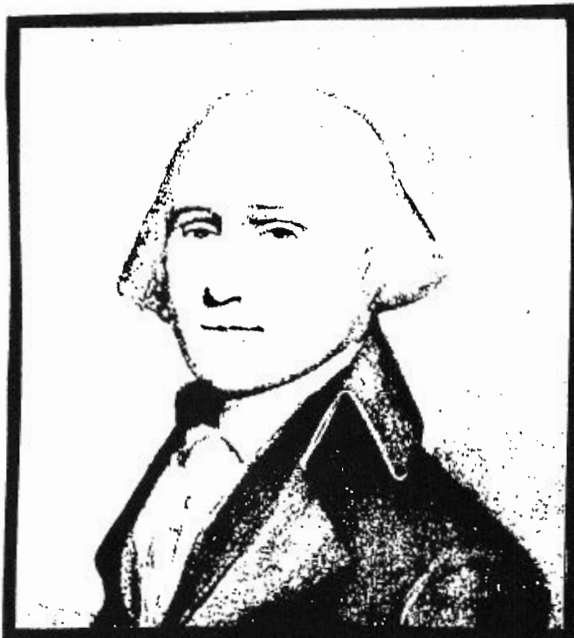
"Hy", in the Irish language, is the plural of "O", denoting "the entire Clan", or "the whole Body-Of-Descendents". "Niall" signifies "a noble Knight", or "Champion" - - - thus, we have "NIALL AND HIS WHOLE CLAN OF NOBLE DESCENDENTS".

O'NEAL Descendents are often referred to as, "of the Hy-Niallian Tribe, or Clan", or "of Royal Hy-Niallian Blood!"

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Man,  
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Ancestors.





COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON, an Officer in The American Revolution, served in Marion's S.C. Regt., on The PEE-DEE RIVER. He had a Seat in Congress as the First Member On The Pee-Dee. He served in the Legislature from DARLINGTON, S.C. He came to S.C., from Granville Co., N.C. and settled in the Neighborhood of Major Kimbrough, whose wife was Hannah (Kolb). Their daughter ELIZABETH was the wife of

COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON. Col. Benton died at his residence in Darlington, in 1819. His Will named four daughters and four sons. ARTHUR and HANNAH O'NEAL of "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss., had a son WILLIAM, born 1803, who named his son the full name of "COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON O'NEAL".

ARTHUR AND HANNAH O'NEAL married late-in-life, and had only two children, JAMES, born in TENN., 1801, and WILLIAM, born in S.C., in 1803. Both parents were deceased at "Tara" in Perry Co., Miss., early in their sons lives. During the first part of this century (1900's), when questioned in regard to HANNAH'S Maiden-Name, some Descendents "guess-ti-mated" ..... "since Granpa Art O'Neal was on intimate-footing with Gen. Andy Jackson, the Pope's, the Kelly's, the Ford's, and Old Judge O'Neal of S.C., HANNAH might have come from any of these old-timers, but I like-this-notion-best, she may be a BELTON, because the Judge's full-name was JOHN BELTON O'NEALL".

HOWEVER, the accepted version for fifteen decades, has been as DEKALB O'NEAL, born 1824, had it from the lips of his father JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801.....

HANNAH O'NEAL before she married ARTHUR O'NEAL, was a BENTON, a sister to COLONEL LEMUEL BENTON, a Revolutionary Officer, who received his Commissary Supplies from ARTHUR O'NEAL's father in S.C.

Over a period of 150 yrs., or 15 decades, no record has been found disputing the foregoing as Hannah's identity, so the family has posited this to be true.

SOME INTERESTING "ARTHUR O'NEILL'S"

In The Same Environs, During The Same Years.

ARTHUR O'NEILL, born in Ireland, 1765, and died in Perry Co., Miss., was probably never engaged in any large-scale slave-trading, but there was a tradition in the Family Of GENERAL DEKALB O'NEAL, that "..... In some way Grandpa O'Neal was connected with the slave-trade." There were some old Bills among the papers left by ARTHUR O'NEAL OF PERRY CO., MISS., pertaining to "trade in Spices, with the Govenour Of Yeucatan in South America", and "trade in Jamaica-Slaves, with the Govenor of Pensacola, in North America", both Govenors with the name of ARTHUR O'NEILL. The writer's curiosity was aroused to learn more of this, since this appeared to involve three persons, all named "ARTHUR O'NEAL". THE NATCHEZ COURT RECORDS, Filed at present Natchez, Miss., records the following:

"DANIEL CLARK, and don HENRY O'NEILL, testified before Govenor Gayoso at Natchez, 20 May 1791, that they gave to don ARTHUR O'NEILL, BRIGADIER-GENERAL OF THE ROYAL SPANISH ARMY, stationed at Pensacola, the sum of \$18,000.00, for the purchase of slaves in Jamaica, to be sold in this Province ..... the slaves had arrived on the Schooner 'Gov. Miro', and were sold for \$34,511.00, and GENERAL DON ARTHUR O'NEILL, BRIGADIER and GOVENOR OF PENSACOLA, had been paid."

JOHN O'HART, in his "IRISH PEDIGREES", Vol. One, pages 740-741, presents his "O'NEILL FAMILY PEDIGREE CHART NO.6", which traces the O'NEILL Family of County MAYO, and County LEITRAM, in Ireland, beginning with HUGH O'NEILL, PRINCE OF ULSTER. On this Chart, CONN O'NEILL, was of the 126th O'Neill Generation. Following CONN'S Generations on down to the 129th, Mr. O'Hart records, "..... No. 129, HENRY O'NEILL, had a son NEAL, who went to SPAIN, and NEAL'S elder brother, ARTHUR O'NEILL, born 1736, ALSO WENT TO SPAIN, WHERE HE WAS A GENERAL IN THE SPANISH ARMY." Shortly after don Arthur O'Neill is mentioned in The Natchez Court Records, someone else was Govenor at Pensacola, so perhaps "DON ARTHUR O'NEILL" had reached retirement age in the Spanish Army. He was then about age 65.

Mr. Burke, in his "GENERAL ARMORY OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND and WALES", leads us further in the Search for this fascinating Gentleman, and locates him twelve years later. On page 159, of BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY, it is recorded that: "ARTHUR O'NEILL of Co. MAYO, and Co. LEITRAM in IRELAND, AND OF SPAIN, 4th in descent from CONN O'NEILL, had his Armorial Bearings, or Coat-Of-Arms

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registered with The GENERAL ARMORY, in 1803. This record further identifies him as " .... ARTHUR O'NEILL, GOVERNOR OF YEUCATAN IN SOUTH AMERICA, and GENERAL and COUNCILLOR for THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF WAR IN SPAIN." Since he was "4th in Descent from CONN O'NEILL", by checking CONN'S descendency, in the foregoing, one can see that the Governor of Pensacola, and the Governor of Yeucatan, was the same person. "Yeucatan" may be the Peninsula, or Point-Of-Land, now in the extreme portion of South-east Mexico.

This will identify "don HENRY O'NEILL" who testified in The Natchez Court Records, in 1791, and who was an associate of "don ARTHUR O'NEILL, Governor of Pensacola." On page 733, of O'Hart's IRISH PEDIGREES, Vol. One, (in small print at bottom of the page) Mr. O'Hart presents the O'NEILL PEDIGREE CHART NO. 3, tracing the Sovereign Princes of Clanaboy, in which he states, "HENRY O'NEILL, the eldest son of Sir Francis O'Neill, WENT TO SPAIN, and when last heard-of in 1798, was serving as an Officer in his relatives Regiment of THE ROYAL SPANISH ARMY."

PLEASE NOTE: If the FIRST REPORT of "HY-NIALL" stimulates sufficient interest, to continue these Reports, Mr. O'Hart's O'NEAL Pedigree Chart Number 3, will be presented in the THIRD REPORT of "HY-NIALL", and his O'NEAL Pedigree Chart Number 6, in the SIXTH REPORT of "HY-NIALL", and you will be able to trace the Princely Heritage of these Gentlemen.

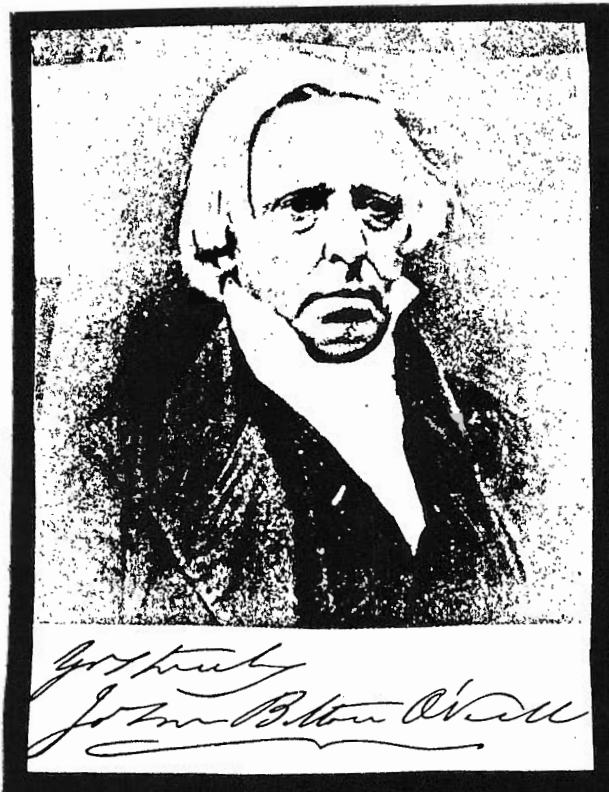
(Research by, arranged and typed by, and presented as a Gift to "THE O'NEAL'S" of the Deep South, so that they may be able to identify more of their Tribe-Kinsmen! ..... By Vivian Davis Bornemann of Wiggins, Mississippi.)

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The following was copied from hand-written notes in an ALMANAC which had belonged to JAMES O'NEAL, born 1801.

"Justis an Desency require that we Bestowe on our Forefather's in this Countrie, Honourable Remembrance, with Continuing Written Pedigrees, just as those Before Us did in The Emerald Isle".

"Let's record it all, our Records of Olde  
Let's see our family's Story Is Told,  
Let us As Long As Our Life Shall Last,  
LIVE FOR TODAY, But Treasure Our Past."



JUDGE JOHN  
BELTON O'NEILL ,  
LL.D, Judge,  
Lawyer, histo-  
rian, and Diarist  
of South Carolina,  
was born 1795, and  
died 1862. His  
wife was HELEN  
POPE. This is  
his Lineage as  
recorded by him:  
HUGH O'NEALL, of  
the English  
Navy, while his  
ship was anchored  
in Delaware River,  
"jumped-ship" and  
swam ashore, land-  
ing near Christiana  
and Wilmington.  
This took place  
about 1730. Here  
he married ANNIE  
COX, and they lived  
here many years.  
They had these  
CHILDREN:

WILLIAM, JAMES, HUGH, HENRY, JOHN, THOMAS, GEORGE (posthumous),  
and MARY. Their father died on the Susquehanna River. After  
his death, the family moved to Winchester, Va. Here son WILLIAM  
married MARY FROST, and their two oldest children were born here.

About 1766, all the children of ANNIE COX and HUGH O'NEALL  
moved to S.C., except JAMES, who moved to Wheeling West Va.,  
and GEORGE who went to Ky. THOMAS died on the Saluda River  
in S.C.; HUGH died in Laurens Co., S.C.; HENRY also lived in  
Laurens Co., but moved to the mouth of St. Mary's River in Fla.;  
JOHN married GRACE FROST, a sister to his bro. Wm.'s wife.  
This JOHN joined the Tories during the Revolution, in which  
war he was killed in York Co., S.C. The oldest son WILLIAM  
and his wife MARY FROST had these children: ABIJAH moved to  
Ohio; SARAH married Elisha Ford and moved to Ky.; WILLIAM died  
on Bush River in S.C.; HENRY and THOMAS and JOHN moved to  
Indiana. HUGH, son of Mary Frost and Wm. O'Neall, was born  
in Newberry Co., S.C., 1767; he married 1792, ANN KELLY, and  
they are the parents of JUDGE JOHN BELTON O'NEALL. To Quote  
Judge O'Neall in his family history .....

"My paternal Great Grand-parent HUGH O'NEALL belonged  
to the Ancient House of O'NEALL of SHANE'S CASTLE, in  
Co. Antrim, Ireland. My Maternal Grand-parents were  
SAMUEL KELLY and HANNAH BELTON from Queen's Co.,  
Ireland, to South Carolina."

Judge John Belton O'Neall of S.C., had a sister named HANNAH,  
who died in S.C., in 1815, and she was not the HANNAH  
wife of ARTHUR O'NEAL of Perry Co., Miss.

THE IRISH SHAMROCK

The Irish Shamrock is a Plant of 3-leaflets, which according to legend, was used by ST. PATRICK of IRELAND, to explain the DOCTRINE OF TRINITY. It is now the Emblem of Ireland. As a past-time, Americans search among their fields of four-leaf-Clovers (white clover), for a very rare "3-leaf-Clover". If one is found, it is believed by the Irish TO BE A GOOD OMEN.

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COUNTY MAP OF IRELAND



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CORMAC mac ART

("Cormac Ulfhada")

The 115th Monarch Of Ireland  
Of The 82nd O'Neal Generation

CORMAC of Ireland was the first resident of "TARA".  
ARTHUR O'NEAL of Perry Co., Miss., named his home  
"Tara", in memory of this cherished place in Ireland.  
CORMAC was called "Ulfhada" because he had a "long  
beard." CORMAC was the wisest, most learned, and best  
of any of the Milesian Race before him, who ruled the  
Kingdom of Ireland. He ordained good laws, wrote learned  
Treatises. One he wrote to his son, is still extant.

CORMAC was very magnificent in his house-keeping and  
Attendants, having one thousand one hundred and fifty  
persons daily attending him at his GREAT HALL OF TARA.  
Tara was 300 feet long, 30 cubits high, 50 cubits  
broad, with 14 doors to it. His daily service of plate,  
flagons, drinking-cups of gold, silver, and precious  
stones, at his table, ordinarily consisted of 150 pieces,  
besides dishes, etc., which were all of pure silver or  
gold.

He ordained that ten choice persons should constantly  
attend him, and HIS SUCCESSORS, the Monarchs of Ireland,  
and never be absent from him. These ten persons were  
to be: A Nobleman to be his companion; a Judge to de-  
liver and explain the Laws of the Country, in the King's  
presence on all occasions; an Historiographer to declare  
and preserve the Genealogies, acts, and occurrences of the  
Nobility and Gentry from time to time as the occasion  
required; A DRUID, or Magician to offer SACRIFICES, and  
presage good or bad omens, as his learning, skill, or  
knowledge would enable him; a Poet to praise, or dis-  
praise everyone according to his good or bad actions;  
a physician to administer physic to the King and Queen,  
and to the rest of the ROYAL FAMILY; a musician to com-  
pose music and sing pleasant sonnets in the King's  
presence when he was disposed - - - and three Stewards  
to govern the Kings House.

The foregoing customs were observed by all the succeed-  
ing Monarchs, down to BRIAN BORU, the 175th Monarch of  
Ireland, and the 60th down from CORMAC mac ART. ("mac"  
signifies "son of").

CORMAC was just to all mankind, and so upright in his  
actions that God revealed to him THE DIVINE FAITH IN  
GOD, seven years before he died. He no longer allowed  
his DRUIDS to worship IDOL GODS. This angered the

DRUIDS AND THEY TRIED TO DESTROY CORMAC. When Cormac choked to death by a salmon-bone sticking in his throat, in the Year 266 A.D., The Druids claimed they had effected it by making "THE DAMNED SPIRITS CHOKE HIM TO DEATH."

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Comment by this Compiler in regard to the foregoing: 1,414 years after CORMAC'S death, he had a namesake who immigrated to America in 1680, from Ireland. CORMAC O'NEIL is listed on an American Passenger-List, dated 1680, in "The Report Of The Deputy-Keeper of the Records in Northern Ireland". This was copied from a Transcript in The Public Record Office. It is also listed on page 317, Vol. II, of TEPPER'S "NEW WORLD IMMIGRANTS". What a Lovely Name for those of O'NEAL Heritage, to perpetuate in the naming of a New-born son, in Stone Co., Miss!

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#### THE RED HAND OF ULSTER

"Lamh dearg Erin"

This is the MOTTO of the O'NEAL'S. It was adopted very early by The O'NEAL Tribe as their HERALDIC EMBLEM. The story of it's Origin goes-like-this .....

"On an Ancient Expedition of some Adventurers, to what is now IRELAND, it was decided that whoever touched the shore FIRST, should possess the Territory which he had touched. The Ancestor of The O'NEAL'S (Princes of Ulster), seeing another boat about to land, CHOPPED-OFF HIS HAND, gave it a mighty heave, and his hand TOUCHED THE SHORE first."

The Battle-Cry of The O'Neal's is "Lamh dearg Abu", or "The Red Hand Forever!" Sometimes they marched into Battle, carrying their Banners aloft, with the Cry, "Lamh dearg Eirin Abu", or "The Red Hand Of Erin Forever!" After family last-names were adopted, instead of the use of a single-name, a throw-back from the Biblical-usuage, and The Hy-Nillians chose as their Family-Last-Name, "O'NEILL". they marched into Battle, yelling "O'NEILL ABU" or "O'NEILL FOREVER!".

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FEDERAL CENSUS OF THE ENTIRE  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA - 1790.

All of the name of "O'Neal", and similar spelling, who  
are listed on this Census.....

LAURENS CO.- (96 District)

JOHN O'NEAL - 2 white males over age 16; 2 white m.'s  
under age 16; 2 females (total of all ages)  
1 slave.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT - (PRINCE FREDERICKS PARISH)

JOHN O'NEAL - AND LACHLIN MCINTOSH  
2 white males over age 16; 1 white male under  
age 16; 2 females (total of all ages); 5 slaves.

NEWBERRY CO - (96 District)

HUGH O'NIEL - 4 white males over age 16; 3 white  
males under age 16; 2 females, total of all ages;  
(parents of Judge John Belton O'Niell, who was born  
1795, five years after this census was taken.)

CHERAW DISTRICT: TABITHA; DOUGLAS; and PETER  
O'NIEL - each Headed their own family.

FAIRFIELD CO., (CAMDEN DISTRICT)

EDMUND O'NIEL, Headed a Family

CHESTER CO - (CAMDEN DISTRICT)

JAMES O'NIEL, and Family; JAMES O'NIEL, and Family.  
There were two of this name listed.

ORANGEBURG CO. (BARNWELL DISTRICT)

ANN O'NIELL, Headed a Family, probably a widow.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT - (ST. BARTHOLOMES PARISH)

JAMES O'NAILES - 2 white males over age 16 (all)

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ARTHUR O'NEAL  
"Going Down O'Neal's Path"  
FOR SALE: IRISH LINENS,  
IRISH LAWNS and IRISH LACES!

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